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KWANTI RACE PICTURES

Photographs of the Kwanti race meeting appearing in the Hongkong Daily Press may be viewed at the offices of this paper, third floor, Marina House, and prints may be obtained at the prices of \$1 for three copies.

CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY FOR CHINA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central)—Confidence in China's ultimate victory was reiterated by Gen. Chen Cheng, Director of the Political Board of the National Military Council, in a New Year message.

Declaring that China's resistance represents a progressive and revolutionary force of the world, Gen. Chen said that the small number of Japanese militarists cannot win in a fight against the entire Chinese nation and the world.

"However strong the Japanese militarists may be, they cannot halt the wheel of social progress. The will for existence and independence of the 450,000,000 Chinese cannot be bent by Japan's planes and artillery."

Discussing the question of peace, Gen. Chen remarked that genuine peace must be based upon justice. "Unless we allow ourselves and our descendants to be enslaved we cannot accept false peace which leads only to national subjugation."

Continuing, Gen. Chen declared that the Sino-Japanese war will end only when China's Revolution which, as pointed out by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, is aimed at her freedom and equality has been brought to a successful conclusion, or "when China restores her territorial and sovereign integrity," as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek put

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central)—New Year's Day, which coincides with the 29th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Republic, provided an occasion for a stirring call from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to the nation to moral rearmament.

The Generalissimo's message, which was broadcast over a nationwide hookup in his capacity as Chairman of the People's Spiritual Mobilization Movement, enjoins the entire people to redouble their efforts in consuming the final goal of the Movement, namely the early attainment of victory and national reconstruction.

Generalissimo Chiang pointed out the strength of spiritual over material power as exemplified in numerous instances in China's revolutionary history. Dr. Sun, the late Party Leader, overcame insuperable difficulties and founded the Chinese Republic not by physical force, but by sheer will and spiritual determination.

A JUST CAUSE

The nation is now encountering difficulties unprecedented in its history of 5,000 years both as regards the war against aggression and the task of national reconstruction. Only the combined spiritual strength of the entire people, tempered and fired by determination and perseverance, will conquer the tremendous hardships and assure eventual prevalence of our just cause.

"There is every indication," the Generalissimo said, "that falling in the third year of her China adventure militarily, Japan will intensify her 'moral offensive'—also a failure in the past—to poison the will power of the Chinese people."

"The only resort we shall give to the enemy is further strengthening of our spiritual

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Gen. Wu Te-chen's Message To Chinese People Abroad

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central)—"In spite of the fact that China is now facing the greatest menace to her national existence, her citizens abroad have throughout the hostilities shown surprisingly great restraint, yet at the same time, they have demonstrated their patriotism by their generous contributions," declared Gen. Wu Te-chen, who has just assumed the post of Director of Overseas Affairs, in a New Year message to the Chinese scattered all over the world.

Gen. Wu, who is ex-mayor of Shanghai and former Civil Governor of Kwangtung, is of the opinion that a better understanding of the problems of the overseas Chinese on the part of foreign governments has helped to bring about this happy state of affairs.

Gen. Wu pointed out that his task is to give proper guidance to his countrymen abroad, who are known everywhere as an industrious and law-abiding people whose only desire is to be permitted to carry on their pursuits in peace free from harsh restrictions. He exhorted the overseas Chinese to do their utmost to cooperate with the authorities in the countries where they are carrying on their pursuits.

CHINESE PIONEERS

"My overseas compatriots, many of whom are suffering untold hardships in distant corners of the world, although some are extremely successful, have contributed to the economic prosperity of the countries where they now choose to live. I need only point out that the development of the United States and Canada in the early

days is due in no small measure to the part played by Chinese labourers in building the transcontinental railways on both sides of the border; while the present advancement of the Malay Peninsula and other places in the South Seas is attributable to the enterprise and industry of Chinese pioneers and captains of industry."

BENEFIT OF MANKIND

Gen. Wu hoped the friendly Powers recognize the principle that whatever Chinese living in foreign countries may do to help China to resist armed aggression can only be of benefit to mankind, for the peace-loving nations of the world have repeatedly acknowledged that China is fighting their battle in the Far East.

"Japan, the international law-breaker, is China's only enemy in this world, and my countrymen are doing the right thing by helping to provide means to carry on the united war of resistance until Right and Justice triumph over Might and Injustice."

"I feel the coming year will bring glad tidings for China."

China's Unification Under Gen. Chiang's Leadership: Pai Chung-hsi's Message

KWEILIN, JAN. 2 (CENTRAL)—THE NEW YEAR WAS JOYFULLY CELEBRATED IN KWEILIN YESTERDAY. THE STREETS WERE GAILY BEDECKED WITH FLAGS AND COLOURED POSTERS.

Thousands of people attended a meeting held at the Kwang Provincial Government Headquarters in the morning to celebrate the New Year and the inauguration of the Kwang Branch of the National Association for the Promotion of Savings for Reconstruction.

New Year Celebrated In Chungking

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central)—A festive atmosphere permeated the wartime capital yesterday when the populace celebrated the New Year. The entire city was bedecked and decorated with lanterns. All offices and schools declared one day's holiday.

The occasion was the cause for greater joy as it marked the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China.

At 9 a.m. celebration meetings were held in 61 places in the city. This was followed by a review of the city's Boy Scouts and the police force.

One of the most interesting events of the day was a mass wedding conducted by the Bureau of Social Affairs.

In the evening, amusements were held by cultural organizations.

50 PLANES FOR CHINA

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2 (Int'l)—The Ryan Aeronautical Corporation in San Diego announced that it has been awarded a \$500,000 contract for the construction of 50 military planes for the Chinese Government.

The planes are to be delivered within seven months. Much speculation was aroused by the simultaneous reports that the payment will be made through a British bank in London.

BRITISH ENVOY ARRIVES IN H.K.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai en route to Chungking, where he is to confer with the Chinese Government in outstanding issues. Lady Clark Kerr accompanied her husband.

Sir Archibald was attended by his Private Secretary, Mr. John Alexander, and Mr. P. M. Broadmead, Counsellor of the Embassy.

A Central News message from Shanghai states that Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, left Peking on Dec. 31 for Shanghai, and was expected to arrive there yesterday. After a brief stopover at Shanghai, he will go on to Chungking via Hongkong.



Admiral Sir Charles James Colbrooke Little, K.C.B., former Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who married his cousin, Mary Little, at Westminster Abbey on New Year's Day. Sir Charles was born in Shanghai. His first wife died in May last year.

H.K. HARBOUR "BLOCKADE" FOR FIVE HOURS: RESULT OF ALARM GIVEN BY OFF-SHORE PATROLS

SPECULATION RAN HIGH YESTERDAY WHEN AN ORDER WAS ISSUED BY THE LOCAL NAVAL AUTHORITIES closing the harbour to all shipping, and the air was full of wild rumours of German armed raiders or submarines being in the vicinity of the Colony.

These unfounded reports soon faded away, however, when at 4 p.m. the order which was issued at 11 o'clock in the morning, was rescinded by the Naval authorities, and movement of shipping in the harbour returned to normal, after a "blockade" of five hours.

Efforts to ascertain the reason for the sudden order and the amount of shipping affected by it, proved futile as neither the Naval authorities nor the Harbour officials were disposed to discuss the issue.

It is believed, however, that the departure of several ships from Hongkong was delayed and that three ships were held up outside the harbour waiting admission during the closed period. It is understood that a Dutch ship bound for Shanghai was the last to leave port yesterday morning, having left half an hour before the order came into force.

It is generally believed that the closing of the harbour was in connexion with some mines having broken adrift, but it has not been possible to get confirmation or denial of this.

ABOUT YOUR EYES

A Word to the Wise is Sufficient. When you trust your precious gift of sight to a qualified and old established house such as ours you know that you are giving your eyes the very best that can possibly be given. Our charges are reasonable and compare favourably with the charges of reputable and qualified optometrists at home. We could sacrifice quality for cheapness but that is not our policy. Only the very best is good enough for your eyes. Safeguard Your Eyes By Consulting.

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OPTICIAN

CAUSE OF ALARM BEING INVESTIGATED

The following communique was issued by the Far Eastern Bureau, British Ministry of Information, Hongkong:—

The Naval authorities state that the port of Hongkong was closed this morning as part of the necessary "defence precautions" of the Colony in time of war. This step was taken as the result of an alarm being given by the off-shore patrols.

The cause of this alarm is being investigated by the Navy.

No Japanese Troops On The Border

FORMER C.M.C. RE-OPENED

Once more the Chinese national flag is flying along the territory bordering the Colony, following the withdrawal of all the Japanese troops from that area on Sunday, and the former Chinese Maritime Customs and other Chinese Government establishments have been re-opened and re-staffed by Chinese.

Chinese who had crossed the border in hundred after the Japanese occupation in August, are returning to their former homes, but so far no Chinese military forces have been seen in the zone.

The local military authorities, when interviewed by the Daily Press yesterday, had no statement to make besides confirming that all the Japanese troops had been withdrawn from the border zone.

It is reported that His Excellency the Governor visited the border on Sunday following the Japanese withdrawal.

TO GARRISON TOWN

An International News Agency message states that Chinese country guards are returning to Shum-chun to garrison the town and Po On district, following the evacuation of Japanese forces, who are being sent to the North River front. Weariness of war and scepticism as to when the Japanese soldiers will be able to return home were written down in diaries left behind by Japanese troops. These diaries were half torn and discarded.

BROADCAST OF SALVO PARTLY RESPONSIBLE

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2 (Hester)—An American broadcasting reporter was partly responsible for the start of yesterday's attack on the Mannerheim Line in the Karelian Isthmus, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the Tidningen.

The reporter, in order to provide New Year's Eve with some local colour broadcast, placed the microphone near a Finnish battery which obligingly fired a heavy salvo whereupon the Russians believing that the Finns are preparing for an attack opened an artillery barrage and themselves attacked.

A report was received last night from Taipei of an armed robbery at No. 25, On Fu Road, ground floor. It is learned that there were six robbers armed with revolvers.

DUNEDIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter)—After a brief stay here, Rear-Admiral Richard Byrd left for the Antarctic.

3,000 More Australian Airmen To Go Abroad

MELBOURNE, Jan. 2 (Reuter)—Three thousand more Australian airmen would go abroad this year, said Mr. V. Fairbairn, Air Minister, in an interview on his return from the Empire Air Training Conference in Canada.

Members of the Australian Air Force abroad would be grouped into squadrons with Australian commanders, and members of the R.A.F. would go to Australia for exchange duty.

Mr. Fairbairn appealed to young Australians to enlist and not to be deterred if they are not called up immediately. He added: "There is an awful lot of tripe talked about Germany cracking up. She won't until we exert full pressure."

GERMAN LINER WINDHUK

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 2 (Reuter)—The departure of the 10,000-ton German liner Windhuk from Santos in an attempt to elude the British blockade is expected hourly.

The vessel arrived a month ago from Lobito where, it is reported, she was refitted and armed, and considerably increased her complement of men.

GALLANTRY AGAINST U-BOATS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter)—The Captains of the steamers Stonepool and Rockpool, have gained recognition for their gallantry displayed in thwarting German submarines.

In letters to Captain Harcourt of the Rockpool and Captain White of the Stonepool, the directors describe the gifts as mementoes of gallant action against U-boats and express the thanks and congratulations for very excellent services rendered, not only to the firm, but to the nation.

Admiral Sir Percy Noble's Son To Wed

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter By Air Mail)—The engagement is announced of Lt. C.P.C. Noble, R.N., son of Admiral Sir Percy Noble, K.C.B., C.V.O., Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, and Lady Noble, of Admiralty House, Hongkong, and Elaine Court, London, and Miss Peggy Hopwood, daughter of Admiral Ronald and Mrs. Hopwood of Sloane Gardens, London.

Sir Percy has been Commander-in-Chief of the China Station since 1938. Admiral Hopwood was Vice-President of the Ordnance Committee 1917-18 and General Secretary of the Navy League, 1919-22.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN KWANGTUNG: SURPRISE ATTACK MADE BY CHINESE

SHUING, Jan. 2 (Central)—A thousand Japanese troops attacked Pinal, Cheknal, and Kwoktal, points west and south-west of Kuntien, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, on Sunday morning.

When the vigour of the attack was spent at noon, the Chinese launched a counter-attack and inflicted heavy casualties.

A Chinese surprise attack at Sheklentung, south-west of Lungmoon, 80 miles north-east of Canton, on Saturday resulted in many Japanese being killed. The Japanese are said to be withdrawing in a south-westerly direction.

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Jan. 2 (Central)—Chinese forces have tightened their grip on Yuchiatien, north-west of Yingshan, in North Hupeh. Japanese reinforcements have been beaten back.

500 CASUALTIES
On the Suifu front the Japanese suffered some 500 casualties in an engagement a few days ago. The highway between Ma-ping and Shih, south of Suifu, has been damaged by the Chinese. The Japanese at Yokow, Peng-zhiho, Mayangtan and Tsokitan,

To the east of Hsiahshien, the Chinese are steadily pressing back the Japanese at Changtichen.

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Above, left, are Mr. Gray, Miss Anne Tyler, Mr. Chatter, Capt. Burn and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. R. Butcher, while in the picture on the right may be seen Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kerr, Mrs. Bertie Oliver, and Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. Marriott, R.N. The pictures were taken at the Boxing Day race meet as held at Kwantai.



FREE FORESTERS BEAT H.K.C.C. DECISIVELY

PLAYING THEIR FIRST GAME AS A CLUB IN HONGKONG. Free Foresters beat the Hongkong Cricket Club decisively by 126 runs in a two days' cricket match completed on Monday.

Leading by 147 runs on first innings, Free Foresters declared their second innings closed when they had scored 132 for 5. To the Free Foresters 279 and 132 for five wickets Club could reply only with 172 and 113.

P. T. Skipworth's 70 for Free 9-2-36-2; McLellan 8-1-42-4; Fin- Foresters on Saturday remained the highest individual innings of the match. T. A. Pearce was the most successful bat, contributing 88 runs in two innings to the Club total, and D. McLellan the most successful bowler, taking seven Club wickets for 70 runs.

The scores:— Free Foresters 1st innings: Capt. D. C. E. Grose, c and b J. L. C. Pearce 38; A. E. Perry, c Bosanquet b T. A. Pearce 44; E. T. Skipworth, b T. A. Pearce 87; Capt. M. P. Weedon, c and b T. A. Pearce 0; Gal, M. S. Teversham, b Lloyd 19; Major W. G. Harvey, b Lloyd 8; D. McLellan, st Fortescue b Lloyd 25; Major H. A. J. Petri, run out 0; Major H. W. M. Stewart, st Fortescue b Lloyd 4; Lt. Comdr. Finnie, not out 1; Extras 5—Total 279.

Bowling Analysis: Lloyd 12-3-69-4; T. A. Pearce 11-0-59-2; J. L. C. Pearce 10-0-102-2; Carey, 3-0-36-0; Robb 4-0-18-1. Club 1st Innings: J. E. Richardson, l.b.w. b Perry 32; T. V. N. Fortescue, c Godby b Harvey 6; T. A. Pearce, c and b Perry 58; D. Carey, l.b.w. b McLellan 1; J. L. C. Pearce, c Weedon b Finnie 10; B. C. Fay, c Grose b Harvey 4; D. I. Bosanquet, c Weedon b McLellan 4; A. K. Mackenzie, l.b.w. b Harvey 0; N. D. Lloyd, st Grose, b McLellan 33; F. L. M. Haymes, st Grose b McLellan 17; D. S. Robb, not out 1; Extras 6—Total 172.

Bowling Analysis: Harvey 10-3-28-3; Skipworth 4-0-40-0; Perry 14-5-128-3; Finnie 8-0-15-2.

CAPT. SEQUEIRA WINS NETT SPOON AT STONECUTTERS: H.K.R.A. SATURDAY SHOOT

There was a good gathering at Stonecutters on Saturday last, thirty-five attending. The day was fair, wind being more or less down the range, but the light was not so good at 500 yards and worse at 600 yards.

Shooting was quite good, Capt. F. P. Sequeira, of the Volunteers, winning the Nett Spoon with 98. He was very unlucky at 600 yards as he wanted 34 for his century and started off with 5 bulls, but the light was getting bad and he ended with a magpie and inner.

Sgt. R. J. Heap, of the Range Staff, won the S.R. (a) spoon with 85, quite a good effort as it is sometime since he fired with S.R. (a) rifle.

Handicap spoons were won by Cpl. A. F. Ferreira, H.K.V.D.C. S.R. (a) and Mr. A. Simpson D.R.C. S.R. (b).

Today (Wednesday) at the Kowloon City Range, firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards commencing at 1.45 p.m. and there will also be revolver shooting.

THE SCORES

Scores were as follows:— S.R. (a) (b) Capt. F. P. Sequeira 98 200 500 600 Tl. 32 34 32 98* Sgt. G. E. Breese 2 33 31 32 84 Mr. J. G. Biles 3 32 31 32 85

Services And Rest Draw

SPLENDID CHARITY SOCCER MATCH

A draw of two goals all was a very fitting result of the charity football match between the Rest of the Colony and the United Services in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, which attracted a large crowd to the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, on Monday afternoon.

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith), Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall were among those present. The ball used in the match was raffled the winning number being 1578.

THREE ABSENTEES

Fung King-cheung, Leung Wing-chiu and Lee Tin-sing were absentees from the Rest team, their places being filled by Cheuk Shek-kam, Maxwell and Hou Yung-sang, respectively. Maxwell was very impressive at right-half.

A feature of the match was the splendid combination of the Services forwards particularly Hosack and Saw. Thorburn, inside-right, was a constant worker and gave the defence invaluable assistance providing a fourth half-back. Robinson, in goal was safe, while Hill and Hendy offered stout resistance to the wiles of the Rest attack ably led by Lee Wal-tong and reinforced by A.V. Gosano who played a really good game.

Cheung Wing-choi gave a rousing display in goal bringing off brilliant saves time and again.

THE PLAY

In the first half, Thorburn opened the scoring for the Services Lee equalising. Hosack gave the Services the lead with a good effort. The Rest did not draw level until after the interval when Lee netted from a penalty which was awarded after Gosano had been brought down heavily by the Services defender. Both sides went near to scoring and there were many exciting moments in the closing stages of the game.

THE TEAMS

The teams were:— Rest of Colony: Cheung Wing-choi, Blackburn, Hou Yung-sang, Maxwell, Forrow, Hsu King-sing, F. Fowler, Cheuk Shek-kam, Lee Wal-tong, A. V. Gosano and Hau Ching-to.

United Services: Robinson; Hill, Hendy; Freshwater, Layl, Wilkinson; Phippens, Thorburn, Hosack, Saw and Duffield.

Before the match and during the interval music was rendered by the Middlesex Regiment band and at the conclusion of the match the National Anthem was played bringing to an end a most enjoyable afternoon's sport.

H.K. BOWLING ALLEYS

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys on Sunday evening, the U.S.S. Asheville defeated the U.S.S. Mindanao by 256 points in a friendly five-game bowling match.

The Asheville thus avenged their previous defeat by the Mindanao on Dec. 29, when they lost by 126 points.

U.S.S. Asheville: M. O. Gray 785, C. G. Cunningham 772, J. A. Harvey 757 and L. S. Pawloski 742. Total 3066.

U.S.S. Mindanao: F. P. Hollis 794, S. Golden 753, E. L. Elmer 650 and L. J. Attwood 613. Total 2,810.

WIN FOR MOLTHEEN At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last night Doc Moltheen (plus 9) beat S. A. Ismail (plus 25) by 84 pins in the third round of the Handicap Singles competition.

Scores:— Doc Moltheen, 205, 225, 177. Total 607. S. A. Ismail, 133, 153, 189. Total 523.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SOCCER AT HOME

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played at Home on New Year's Day:

SOUTH "A" Charlton 2, Arsenal 8. SOUTH "B" Queen's P.K. 3, Reading 0. EAST MIDLAND Doncaster 1, Sheffield U. 2. WESTERN Liverpool 7, Crewe 3. FRIENDLIES Blackburn 4, Huddersfield 2. Barnsley 5, Sheffield W. 0. Bury 3, Bradford 3. Darlington 3, Leeds 1. Carlisle 2, Bradford C. 2. Manchester U. 1, Blackpool 4. Middlesbrough 5, Newcastle 2. New Brighton 6, Accrington 0.

Southport 2, Everton 2. Manchester C. 7, Stockport 2. Chesterfield 7, Leicester 2. SCOTTISH Western Airdrie 1, Albion 4. Ayr 2, Queen's O'Sth. 1. Rangers 1, Celtic 1. Motherwell 1, Hamilton 1. Dumbarton 3, Morton 2. Partick 3, Clyde 2. St. Mirren 3, Kilmarnock 3. Queen's Park 4, Third Lanark 2. Eastern Alloa 3, Stenmuir 1. Arbroath 2, Aberdeen 1. Dundee U. 2, Dundee 1. Dunfermline 3, Cowdenbeath 1. Falkirk 4, St. Johnstone 0. Elgin City 5, Hearts 6. Raith 2, East Fife 2. St. Bernard's v. King's Pk. postponed.

CENTURY FOR ANDERSON Annual University Match Drawn

Feature of the annual University Past v. Present cricket played at Pokfulam on New Year's Day was the century of D.J.N. Anderson, who hit 117 fours.

Past made 234 for seven wickets, but thanks to a stand by G. Hong Choy (23) and W. S. Gegg (43) and useful scores by Lingam and Mahmoud, the Undergraduates managed to play out time with the last wicket intact.

The scores:— Past: D.J.N. Anderson, c. Lingam b. Gegg 100; D. Hung, c. Mahmoud b. Hong Choy 1; W. Hong Sling, b. Gegg 6; A. H. Rumjahn, run out 17; J. L. Young Saye, not out 35; C. W. Lam, b. Hong Choy 20; A. Bakar, run out 8; F. R. Zimmermann, run out 35. Extras 14. Total 234 (for seven wickets declared). A. T. Lee, L. Choa, and E. Zimmermann did not bat.

Bowling Analysis: Gegg 11-0-53-2; Hong Choy 8-1-85-2; Mahmoud 5-0-28-0; R. Singh 2-0-31-0; Lo 2-0-15-0; Matthews 3-0-28-0; Tam 0-4-0-5-0.

Present: K. Y. Tam, c. Anderson b. Zimmermann 13; C. N. Matthews, l.b.w. b. Bakar 7; J. Tsui, l.b.w. b. Bakar 5; K. S. Oh, b. Bakar 10; G. Hong Choy, b. Anderson 23; W. S. Gegg, l.b.w. b. Anderson 43; Kenneth Lo, b. Anderson 5; V. Lingam, st. E. Zimmermann b. A. H. Rumjahn 22; Syed Mahmoud, not out 14; E. Tan, c. Young Saye b. Bakar 0; R. Singh, not out 8. Extras 38. Total 183 for 9 wickets.

Bowling Analysis: F. R. Zimmermann 8-2-30-1; Bakar 11-1-37-5; Lam 7-1-25-0; Hong Sling 4-0-32-0; Anderson 9-4-17-3; Rumjahn 2-0-9-1.

H.K. HOCKEY CLUB TEAM FOR TODAY

The following team will represent the 1st XI of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Royal Engineers on the Club ground today at 5 p.m.:— V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitely, W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates; S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett, (Capt.), T. D. Whitley, B. I. Blackford.

RE-ARRANGED FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

Owing to the replay of the Senior Shield Soccer game the following changes in this week's programme has been necessary.

The following games have been postponed: Club v. Kowloon. Royal Scots v. South China "B".

RE-ARRANGED GAMES

Senior Shield (First Round). Club v. Royal Scots (Club, 4 p.m. Referee:—Foster, Linesmen:—lent and Lee).

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. South China "B" (Kowloon, 4 p.m. Referee:—Ford, Linesmen:—Pearson and Adlard). Extra time must be played in all Shield games.

ARMY TEAM TO MEET NAVY

The following have been selected to represent the Army v. The Navy on the Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, on Saturday. Kick Off at 4 p.m.

L/Cpl. Fickon, R.E.; L/Bdr. Richards, R.A.; L/Cpl. Waite, R.E.; Sgt. Lang, R.A.O.C.; L/Cpl. Skip-witt, R.A.; Capt. Hook, R.A.; Lt. May, D.L.I.; Lieut. Hewitt, Mdx. R.; L/Cpl. Beddow, D.L.I.; Corpl. Sutherland, R.S.; Pte. Berry, Mdx. R.; Lieut. Pinkerton, R.S.; Capt. Duke, R.S.; Lieut. Cuthbertson, R.S.; Lieut. Rigdale, R.N. Regt.

Reserves:— Supt. Artlingstall, R.E.; L/Cpl. Boe, R.S.; Sgt. Page, R.A.; L/Bdr. Evans, R.A. Players are requested to be on the ground by 3.45 p.m.

NAVY "A" V. CLUB A AT RUGGER TODAY

The following have been selected to play for the Navy "A" vs. Club "A" today, on the Hongkong Club Ground, kick off at 4.45 p.m.:— Writer Snell; Marine Jeffries; Midshipman Teare, Sub-Lieut. Richards, S. B. A. Addis; Midshipman O'Riordan, A. N. Other; Cpl. Marron, S. B. A. Davis, Ldr. Sig- Ingils, A. B. Longmuir, L. S. Spirit, Surg. Lieut. Duncan, L. S. Jones, Midshipman Murray Jones, Reserves:—A. B. Newburn, L. S. Wilkie, Pay, Midshipman Sumner, Tel. Faulkner.



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COMING EVENTS

JAN. 3—Tides: High 3.21 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Low 9.53 a.m. and 11.10 p.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m. H.K.R.A. Shoot. Y.M.C.A. Badminton. Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.). at Govt. House. St. John's Ambulance Hqrs. First Aid Lecture, 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Hospital—First Aid Lecture, 5.30 p.m. 4—Tides: High 4.53 a.m. and 5.28 p.m. Low 10.17 a.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m. Auxiliary Nursing Service—First Aid Lectures, Commence at Royal Naval Hospital, 6 p.m. Asia Land Ltd. 8th Annual Meeting, Mercantile Bank Buildings, 12.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m. "Tolomeo" Kindergarten School re-opens. St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship New Year's Party, 2.30 p.m. Theosophical Society Mtg.—6 p.m. Speaker—Mr. A. F. Knudsen on "Theosophy and Modern Needs." Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m. 5—Tides: High 6.33 a.m. and 6.19 p.m. Low 12.37 a.m. and 11.12 a.m. Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.51 p.m. Claims against estate of Bernard Ernest Abbott due. Y.M.C.A. Badminton. H.K. Chinese Women's Club Dinner in honour of Dr. Robert Lim, Chinese Merchants' Club, 7.30 p.m. St. John's Ambulance Hqrs.—Home Nursing Lecture, 5.30 p.m. 6—Second Round of Stubb Shield Golf Competition due to be completed. Claims against estate of Marion Gilchrist Hoerler due. C.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanning Lodge. New Territories Agricultural Exhibition at Fanning. H.K.R.A. Shoot. 7—New Territories Agricultural Exhibition at Fanning. 8—Universal Week of Prayer Commences Daily Services at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m. Auxiliary Nursing Service—Home Nursing Lectures, Commence at Queen Mary Hospital, 6 p.m. H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Hospital, Home Nursing Lecture, 5.30 p.m. 9—Entries close for Colony Chess Championship. Entries close for Fanning Races, 12 noon. H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m. 10—King's Theatre—Dancing Display, 5.10 p.m. H.K.R.A. Shoot. 11—King's Theatre: Dancing Display, 5.10 p.m. 13—H.K.R.A. Shoot. 14—Semi-final of G. M. Young Golf Cup due for completion. Macao Races. 17—H.K.R.A. Shoot. 18—Central British Assn. Dance. 20—H.K.R.A. Shoot. R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance. 21—Fanning Hunt and Race Club, Kwanti Races. 22—First H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanning. 24—H.K.R.A. Shoot. 27—Third Round of Stubb Shield Golf Competition due to be completed. H.K.R.A. Shoot. 28—H.K. Riding School Gymkhana, 10 a.m. H.K.R.A. Shoot. 30—Second H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanning. 31—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

"THE DRUM" AT THE MAJESTIC TOMORROW

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What Makes A Good Music Teacher

"Music examinations should be a means to an end," said Mr. Michael Head who arrived in Ceylon recently to conduct the examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Mr. Head was on arrival received by Mr. John A. Pye, Resident Secretary of the Board.

Speaking to a newspaper representative, Mr. Head said that to make a good music teacher one should have nothing to do with the syllabus. One should make a repertoire and the bigger the repertoire the better the teacher.

What was good in music examinations, he said was that such examinations provided something definite to aim at. Examinations further encouraged people to learn good music, and they also gave musical entertainment.

It was not good for everyone to go in for examinations. There were a few, such as the nervous lot, who could be without taking up any examinations, but that was not for all.

A good music teacher, said Mr. Head, should be a good musician and possess ability as a performer. He or she need not be outstanding; but to be a good music teacher one should possess the gift of imparting knowledge.

REVIVAL IN INDIA
Mr. Head said he understood that there were signs of a great revival in India in connection with music, art and dancing. During the last so many years it was thought "hardly respectable" to be a musician in India.

But now a movement was on foot which sought to revive music, art and dancing, and bring them to a high place in the cultural life of India.

Mr. Head who has had a strenuous tour of India was there since September 1. He started his examinations in various parts of India on September 4 ending up at Bombay. He gave a number of broadcast concerts in India.

Patients at Westminster Hospital received a gift of fruit from the Queen. The fruit was sufficient for four wards, and those patients who were not on strict diet shared melons, pineapples, bananas, grapefruit, grapes and apples.

Nottingham Co-operative Society appealed for volunteers to deliver bread and milk owing to an unauthorised strike in the dairy department of more than 200 employees, who objected to the substitution of female labour on jobs previously done by men.

CROSSWORD NO. 500

ACROSS
1 What is the chief commercial centre of Japan?
8 Cereal grass
9 Period
12 Who transferred the seat of Russian government from Petrograd to Moscow?
13 Fish
14 At a distance (poet)
15 Concerning
16 What is the capital of Sicily?
18 Family
19 Dance step
20 Average
21 Beverage
22 Short-napped fabric
23 Above
24 Greek letter
25 Actuality
26 Turkish summer-house
30 Narrow
32 Fire-warshipper
33 Islets
34 Instance of the kind
35 Father
36 Pronoun
37 Rubber tree
38 Colour
39 Comfort
42 Greek letter
43 Established value
44 In what novel does Hester Prynne appear? "The Letter?"
46 Who is the Prince of Darkness?
48 Weight of India
49 Before
50 Who was the muse of lyric poetry?
51 Silkworm
52 Ventilator
53 Having fruiting spikes
25 Parent
27 Bone
28 Divide
29 What English tragedian was famous for his Shakespearean role
31 Edmund—?
31 Universal language
32 Dialect from Sanskrit
34 What Indian fighter was slain at Little Big Horn?
38 Member of a Mongolian tribe
39 Existence
40 Maple
41 Garment of a Hindu woman
42 Persian fairy
43 What is another name for Belem?
45 Meadow
46 Notice
47 Incline the head

DOWN
1 Palm tree
2 Old age
3 Anoint
4 Cramp
5 Insect
6 Meal
7 Affirmative votes
8 Cloth measure
9 What is the missing part of the title of the famous novel by Charlotte Bronte, "Jane—"?
10 Province of Italy
11 Kingdom
12 Agreement
21 Projecting part of a building
22 Elevate
23 Official decree

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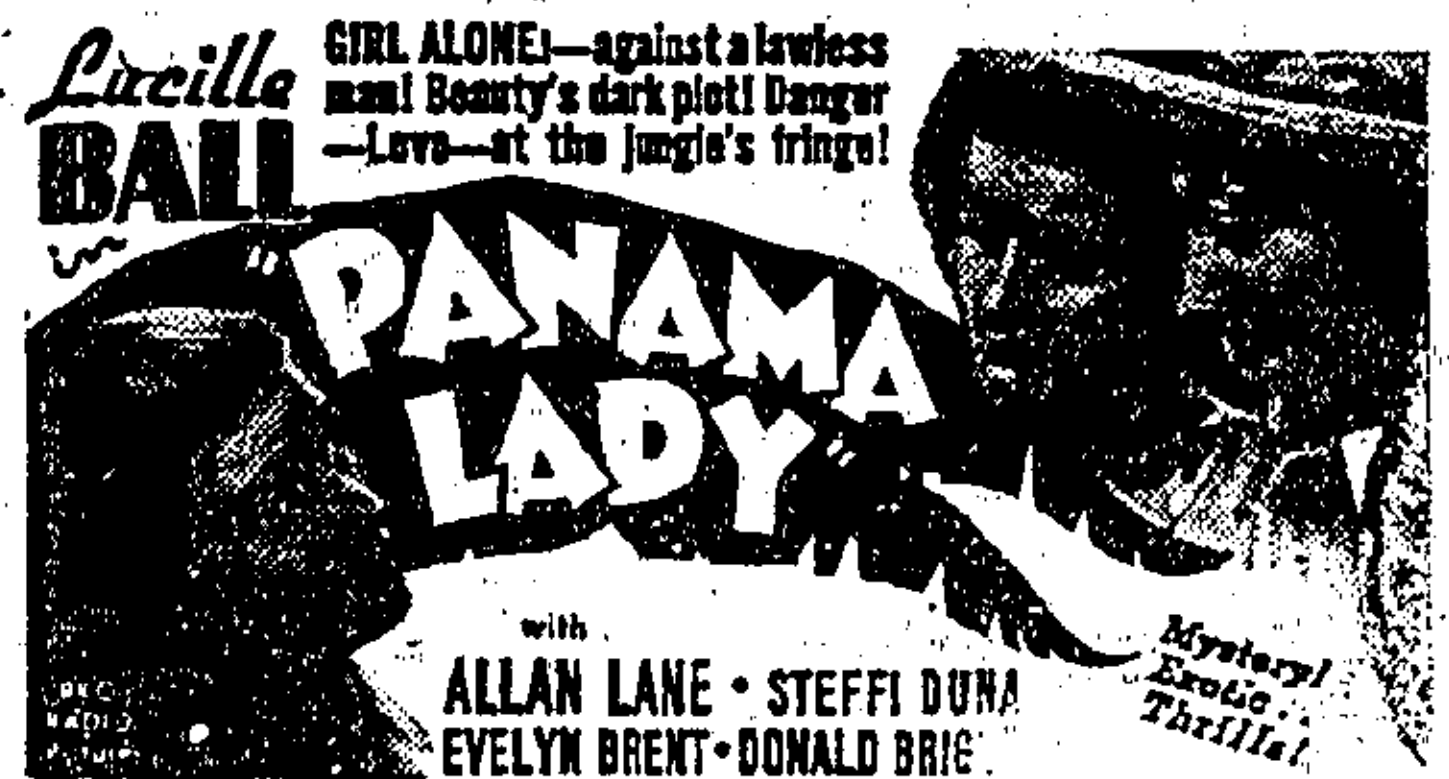
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Mrs. Chamberlain Gives Message Of Encouragement To Women Of France

PARIS, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM MRS. CHAMBERLAIN, IN FRENCH, TO THE WOMEN OF FRANCE, WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY RECORDED, WAS BROADCAST ON SUNDAY FROM PARIS.

After recalling her own visits to France, she said: "I am convinced that the feelings of friendship which already bind us together have gained a new depth and a new force by the sacrifices which both have been called upon to make on behalf of a cause which is, in effect, that of all humanity."

GERMANY'S WAR GUILT

APPEAL TO 'WORLD
BY AUSTRALIAN
LABOUR LEADER

LONDON, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—Mr. John Curtin, leader of the Australian Labour Party, in a broadcast speech, emphatically placed the war guilt upon Germany.

He said that Germany forcibly marched into Poland and thereby set the world afire. The Germans knew that Britain had pledged to help Poland in the event of attack.

Therefore, Germany knew that every shot fired on Polish soil meant shots at Britain and France.

AN APPEAL

Mr. Curtin appealed to men and women throughout the world for a change of spirit at the beginning of the New Year.

He asked: "Cannot Germany, having regard for the larger claims of civilisation, say the time has come to withdraw our armed forces from Poland and cannot Russia do the same thing in Poland and Finland and then request the Powers to take council in conference, not as between conquerors and conquered but as between equals?"

In conclusion, Mr. Curtin emphasised that the Australian Labour Party stood for a safe world and would always resist war-makers and aggressors and opposition to them would be unwavering to the end and until victory was won.

"For some amongst you, as for the women of Britain, this New Year will be darkened by mourning for those who have made the supreme sacrifice. To those I would say their loss is not, and will not be, in vain. They will have helped to secure the future for our children."

ESSENTIAL PART

Mrs. Chamberlain added that women, whether in their own homes or billeted in the homes of others, whether attending their own families or working on land or factories, were playing an essential part in national defence making a contribution to final victory.

After stating that the Prime Minister, following his recent visit to France, had told her of the kindness of the French people towards British troops and declaring that those troops were only the advance guard of the great army Britain was now assembling Mrs. Chamberlain continued:

MESSAGE OF HOPE

"I would like to give you a message of hope for the future. War has always meant for women hardship and suffering, but we can look forward with confidence to the triumph of our cause and in the day when victory is ours and we have won through to an enduring peace, it will be our common aim to work together for the happiness and well-being of mankind in the certainty of the justice of our cause which gives everyone of us, British and French, that spiritual faith which sustains us."

SOUTH AFRICA'S RESPONSE TO DUTY

Gen. Smuts' New
Year Message

PRETORIA, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—Gen. Smuts, broadcasting a New Year message, said that the war after four months, had been full of surprises and hitherto, no great battle had been fought on land or sea or in the air.

"Who knows whether 1940 may not witness some unexpected turning of the corner; some fruitful peace effort backed by Heaven's high blessing," he said. "The age of miracles is never past, although it would be unwise to build hopes on miracles."

CURIOUSLY NORMAL

Gen. Smuts remarked that South Africa had hitherto hardly felt the effects of the war and affairs in the Union continued "curiously normal," including party and political strife.

Gen. Smuts added that the question was no longer whether they were right or wrongly, at war, since that issue had been decided as closed and every patriotic South African, whatever his politics, could now only put the interests of his country first in his thoughts and actions.

"Right nobly has the young manhood of South Africa risen to the duty. That South Africa is in danger who can any longer doubt?" he concluded.

Incendiarism Or Accident?

SERIOUS FIRE
IN VATICAN

ROME, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—A serious fire occurred in the Palazzo Cancellaria of the Vatican (Apostolic Chancellery) and it is believed that the Chancellery of Saint Lorenzo was destroyed and the hall which occupies the entire floor of the palace seriously damaged.

OPINION DIVIDED

Opinion in the Vatican is divided as to the cause of the fire. One theory is that it was the result of a short circuit. Another is that it is a case of incendiarism.

The Chancellery is not within the precincts of the Vatican City, but is one of the important pontifical buildings in Rome itself and enjoys extra-territoriality.

Germany's Year Of Decisions

TALK OF INVASION
OF HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—The New Year's Eve newspapers in Germany all re-echo Herr Hitler's message to the Nazi Party, declaring that 1940 will be a year of decision. All of them claim that Germany can achieve her aims, though they admit that the task will not be easy.

Talk of peace has receded to the background and all speeches and articles emphasise that a decision can only be attained by arms.

BITTER DISCUSSIONS

According to neutral sources, bitter discussions are proceeding behind the scenes in the Nazi War Councils how to attain the decisive result.

Four Generals are said to favour an invasion of Holland in the spring. If such an invasion is successful, it is surmised that Flushing would be seized and an attempt perhaps made to drive down the coast to Calais.

Opponents of this scheme say it is a Council of despair and that such a risk must only be taken if the war is regarded as otherwise inevitably lost.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES

Meantime, the Soviet activities are being closely watched in Germany and many Germans doubt whether Herr Hitler will attempt a decisive step until the Baltic situation is clarified.

MERRIEST NEW YEAR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—New York had its maddest and merriest New Year celebrations for a decade.

The crowds in Times Square was so large that bus traffic was stopped. The low temperature, however, forced the noisy crowd to keep moving.

Night clubs sold out their liquor and it is estimated that \$50,000,000 were spent in the city during the night.

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ITALIAN ENVOY IN MOSCOW TO RETURN

ROME, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—It is learned that the Italian Government invited its Moscow Ambassador, Signor Rosso, to return to Italy on leave.

The step is taken in reply to the Soviet Government's action in recalling its new Ambassador in Rome, M. Gorelline, as a protest against anti-Soviet demonstrations inspired by the Soviet attack against Finland.

Dublin Ammunition Theft

DUBLIN, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—Another five tons of ammunition taken in the Phoenix Park Raid was discovered by the Police and military in an outhouse at Deamore, Drogheda, where a local farmer and cattle-dealer were detained.

Altogether 225 cases have now been recovered of the 700 stolen.

NEW FRENCH GUNS MAKE OLD BERTHA LOOK SMALL

LONDON, Jan. 2 (REUTER).—In a message from Somewhere in France, describing a French gun crew exercising with a huge gun, firing every few minutes live shells costing £350 each, Reuter's special correspondent with the French Army states that the crew planted five shells within a circle of twenty-yards diameter in a far-away village, which was battered to ruins in the last war and is still serving as a practice target in the present war.

EASILY MOVED

Mounted on ten bogeys, the whole weighing 150 tons the gun can be moved about the countryside at a speed of 25 miles an hour. When fired, there is comparatively little smoke, but a vivid sheet flame and a terrific blast such that at a distance of 100 yards, it is necessary to stand very firm to avoid being thrown to the ground.

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HUGE MORTAR

Another gun of even greater caliber is a huge mortar designed to smash the strongest positions by almost vertical fire.

There are still other types of guns calculated to make the "Old Bertha" of the last war look small, for though the French Army had no great opinion of such "stratosphere" guns, they are determined to have one better than the enemy.

According to well-informed sources in Paris M. Gafencu, Rumanian Foreign Minister is planning a conference of four Balkan states at Belgrade this month.—(REUTER).

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(Under the auspices of The New Territories Agricultural Association) to be held at Fanling (near the Fanling-Railway Station) on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th, 1940.

H.E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th, 1940.

Prizes will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th, 1940.

Concession rates kindly granted by the Kowloon-Canton Railway of visitors to the Show on the 10 a.m., 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. trains from Kowloon, and any train from Fanling after 1.00 p.m. on both days.

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British Consular Service In China: Interesting Address To Rotarians

How British history in the Far East was made by men promoted from the British Consular Service, was told to Hongkong Rotarians yesterday at the Club's first weekly tiffin meeting for the new year when Rotarian J. C. Hutchison, O.B.E. addressed the gathering on "The British Consular Service in China."

Rotarian L.C.F. Bellamy was in the chair and the meeting was well attended.

Before calling upon the speaker to deliver his address, the chairman wished the gathering a Happy New Year and welcomed back Rotarians J. Flemming, H.E. Stone and J. Smith, who had been away from the Colony.

Each of them said a few words on his experiences and Rotary activities, while away.

THE ADDRESS

In his address, which was delivered in a delightfully humorous vein, Mr. Hutchison said that the British Foreign Office Service was composed of three services, the Diplomatic Service, the Commercial-Diplomatic Service and the Consular Service. The Consular Service was the senior service in China and combined the services of all three branches.

Giving the names of leading personalities in the making of British history in the Far East, and particularly in China, Mr. Hutchison pointed out that all of them were men who had been promoted from the Consular Service.

Entrance to the Service was a competitive examination in which the system of marking was so curious that 25 per cent was deducted for superfluous answers and frequently students scored nothing. In his first year none of the candidates obtained more than 40 marks out of a possible 2,000.

The viva-voce examination was also a severe test and often embarrassing to those who are timid and nervous.

STUDY OF CHINESE

Successful candidates spend their first two years in China studying Chinese in Peking. He remembered his old-fashioned, black finger-nailed teacher who never changed his under clothing and in winter merely put on more! One of the students in his group insisted on the teacher giving his lessons in the open because he found the smell too overpowering for the confines of a small room.

At the end of the two years they were subjected to another competitive examination and precedence in the service was accorded on the results of this examination.

The speaker then read out extracts from the commission by which they are appointed to the Consular Service, and the docu-

ment, in spite of its verbose legal phraseology, gave a good picture of the scope, duties and responsibilities of Consular Officers.

MANY DUTIES

The work of a Consular Officer calls upon him not only to be a notary public, a passport officer, a Board of Trade Officer dealing with shipping etc., but also to perform the functions of a magistrate, registrar of births, deaths and marriages, coroner and even to be his own consul and own gaoler.

The constitution however, forbids that a Consul shall officiate at his own marriage!

AN INCIDENT

While Mr. Hutchison was passing Mr. Hutchison said a very charming woman and her 16 year old daughter called for their passport on the day he had taken over. They had originally applied for a single passport for the two of them, but he suggested as the girl was 16 years old, that they should have separate passports and this was done.

Some 18 months later he received a furious letter from London asking why these passports had been issued and who was responsible.

Having by then quite forgotten the incident, he called his assistant and said to him "Find out who is the ass that issued these passports."

A little while later his assistant came in very sheepishly and said, "It's you, Sir."

He found that the woman had taken two fur coats from a Shanghai store without paying for them and the daughter had got two expensive engagement rings from the same man!

Mr. Hutchison added, "I found I was not the only fool in Shanghai at the time! The woman was found to be a well-known international thief."

HARD WORK

Work in the Consular Service is hard and exacting and it is not correct to think that Consular Officers are nothing more than "social butterflies."

In conclusion, Mr. Hutchison referred to his impending departure on transfer from Hongkong and said he was very sorry to have to go away.

SPEAKER THANKED

The vote of thank was proposed by Mr. Bagram, Consul General for Siam in Hongkong.

The guests were Messrs. L. O. Davis, M. Gardan, N. R. Ramsay, L. Starbuck, J. Linstead, S. K. Hsu, Capt. J. Mullins and Capt. Millar.

INDIAN FILM EXECUTIVE

Leaves Here On Way To Hollywood

An interesting departure by the Imperial Airways plane this morning is Mr. C. K. Manghirmalani, a young Indian film director of Karachi, who has been staying here about a week on his way home to India for a short holiday. He has been studying film production at the university of South California and, in an interview, stated that he will be going back to his studies after a short stay in his home country in the course of which he will devote most of his time investigating the possibilities of producing newsreels for world exhibition, and also travelogue pictures.

Mr. Manghirmalani, who is only 24 years of age, has studied under such well-known figures in the cinema world as Boris Morris, director of the Lancel and Hardy film, "The Flying Deuces" which has just concluded such a successful run here.

"TOO TEDIOUS"

He expressed the opinion that the pictures that are being produced in India at the present are "too long and tedious" and that unless something is done to give the cinema world something more interesting, the future of the film industry in India will not be very bright.

Mr. Manghirmalani only left India last August—four days before Great Britain and France went to war against Germany and as a result he was delayed some five weeks in England before he could get a boat to take him across the Atlantic.

WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

Mr. Cheung Sung-to, clerk of the Waterworks Office of the Public Works Department, and Miss Lily Yung, of No. 1, Breezy Terrace, were married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday.

Another Registry wedding was between Mr. Cheung Wal-ding student, of No. 2, Wah On Lane, and Miss Liu Oi-chong, midwife, of the same address.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at both ceremonies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—
Mr. Esrael Fritz Frey, assistant, of No. 308, Nathan Road, and Miss Trude Banaschek, dressmaker, of No. 172, Nathan Road.

Mr. Tang Wal-tack, merchant, of No. 20, Ching Fung Street, first floor, and Miss Ng Kong-chu, of No. 19, Hing Hon Road;

Mr. Choi Sik-him, merchant, of No. 4, Granville Road, second floor, and Miss Polly Lee, of No. 731, Nathan Road, second floor.

CHINESE LIBRARIES FOR HONGKONG

It is reported that a well-known Chinese social organisation in Hongkong is forming plans to establish eight new Chinese libraries in the Colony.

The libraries are intended to cater to the large number of Chinese scholars here and to provide facilities for them to continue their education in Hongkong during the present Sino-Japanese hostilities.

An appeal has been sent for free supplies of books and magazines and the local Chinese newspapers have been requested to send copies of their issues to the libraries.

POPULAR H.K. OFFICIAL LEAVING THE COLONY TOMORROW

MR. ERNEST P.H. LANG

Hongkong will say good-bye on Thursday to a well-known Government official and a popular resident when Mr. Ernest Philip Henry Lang, who retired last month after many years as Registrar of the Supreme Court, departs for England. Mr. Lang will leave by a Dutch steamer.

ARRIVED IN 1905

A native of Monmouthshire, Mr. Lang was born in 1880. His connection with Hongkong dates back to 1905 when, after being admitted to practise as a solicitor in England, he came out to join the local law firm of Deacons.

He remained in practice here until 1915 when he went Home on war service. For the greater part of the ten years that he was in the Colony, Mr. Lang was active in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, as it was then known. He also went in for sports, and was especially fond of shooting and walking.

Commissioned in the 1st Monmouthshire Rifles, Mr. Lang served until 1918, when he was demobilised with the rank of Captain. He saw service twice in France.

JOINED GOVERNMENT

Joining the Hongkong Government in 1928, Mr. Lang was appointed Assistant Crown Solicitor. He arrived in October of the same year, and was appointed Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court.

At different periods, Mr. Lang has acted as Official Receiver, Registrar of Trade Marks, Acting Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Companies. He went on leave in 1933 and in 1935 was appointed Registrar of Companies and Official Administrator and Public Trustee.



MR. E. P. H. LANG

An able and fair-minded official, Mr. Lang was admired and respected by his colleagues and staff in the Supreme Court, and also enjoyed great esteem and popularity amongst a large circle of people who came into contact with him both in his official position and in private life.

A TRIBUTE

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, when making a farewell presentation of a silver salver to Mr. Lang on November 30 last, paid tribute to Mr. Lang's many qualities.

One of Mr. Lang's tasks by which he will be specially remembered is his re-arrangement of the entire records of the Court.

Mrs. Lang, who has just recovered from a serious illness, will accompany her husband Home. They will take with them the Colony's best wishes for their future happiness. They will probably settle in the south of England.

Their son, Mr. C. B. Lang, is at present serving in the Fleet Air Arm, where he holds a Commission.

Claim For Possession Of Premises

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF

Before Mr. Justice B. E. Lindsell in the Summary Court yesterday, Mr. Sydney Hampden Ross, of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, accountants, claimed possession of No. 21 Wanchai Road, first floor.

Judgment was given for plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. D. L. Strellett. Defendant appeared in person.

It was stated that defendant was a tenant of the premises until Nov. 14, last, when he was to have given up possession in accordance with a notice to quit dated September 28. Defendant was still in possession of the premises and refused to quit.

Mr. E. M. Kennedy, clerk in charge of property at Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, said that defendant had erected structures at the back of the premises which he refused to demolish when he was told that he had to do so, as the landlord had received a notice from the Building Authority.

GOT INTO ARREARS

Defendant, said witness, rented the premises in December 1937 at \$15 per month. He paid his rent regularly until December 1938 when got into arrears.

Defendant said that he did not erect the buildings at the back of the house and did not know who had done so. He admitted having put up a shed on the hillside, and said that the shroff did not call for the rent nor was he able to see Mrs. Kennedy at the office to pay her the money.

Possession was granted to plaintiff within seven days, as well as mesne profits of \$40 and \$17.63 for water charges, and costs.

ARRIVALS IN HONGKONG

The following were among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong yesterday:

Surg. Lieut. Roswell, Mr. K. Liang, Mr. R. Sweeney, Mr. T. L. Wu, Mr. F. Eccles, Mr. S. H. Bow, Mr. J. G. Thompson, Mr. W. A. Senter, Mr. S. L. Scott, Mr. C. A. Westcott, Mr. E. V. Manley, Mr. E. A. Woodfield, Mr. Wu.

The following passengers passed through the Colony yesterday: Mr. E. Fox, Mr. K. Batheja, Mr. K. B. Malkani, Mr. and Mrs. Forth, Mr. Marshall, Mr. A. Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bernhart and infant, Mr. G. Raffan.

MURDER CHARGE HEARING

Unemployed Ship's Cook Accused

Hui Fuk-sing, 31, an unemployed ship's cook, appeared on remand before Mr. E. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday charged with the murder of a coolie named Lai Yau-sze, alias Pun Yau-sze. Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant-Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution.

Hui came back to Hongkong by the s.s. Slestan on Oct. 29. "It was alleged that on the following morning he was seen together with two others carrying two bags. A crowd of coolies gathered around him, and appeared to be attempting to snatch the bags from him and his companions."

A quarrel resulted in exchange of blows, and it was alleged that the defendant drew a knife and stabbed the deceased in the stomach.

Defendant and his companions then disappeared on board and the police were summoned.

The deceased was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital where he died on the following day.

Following evidence, the hearing was adjourned.

FANLING HUNT ACCIDENT

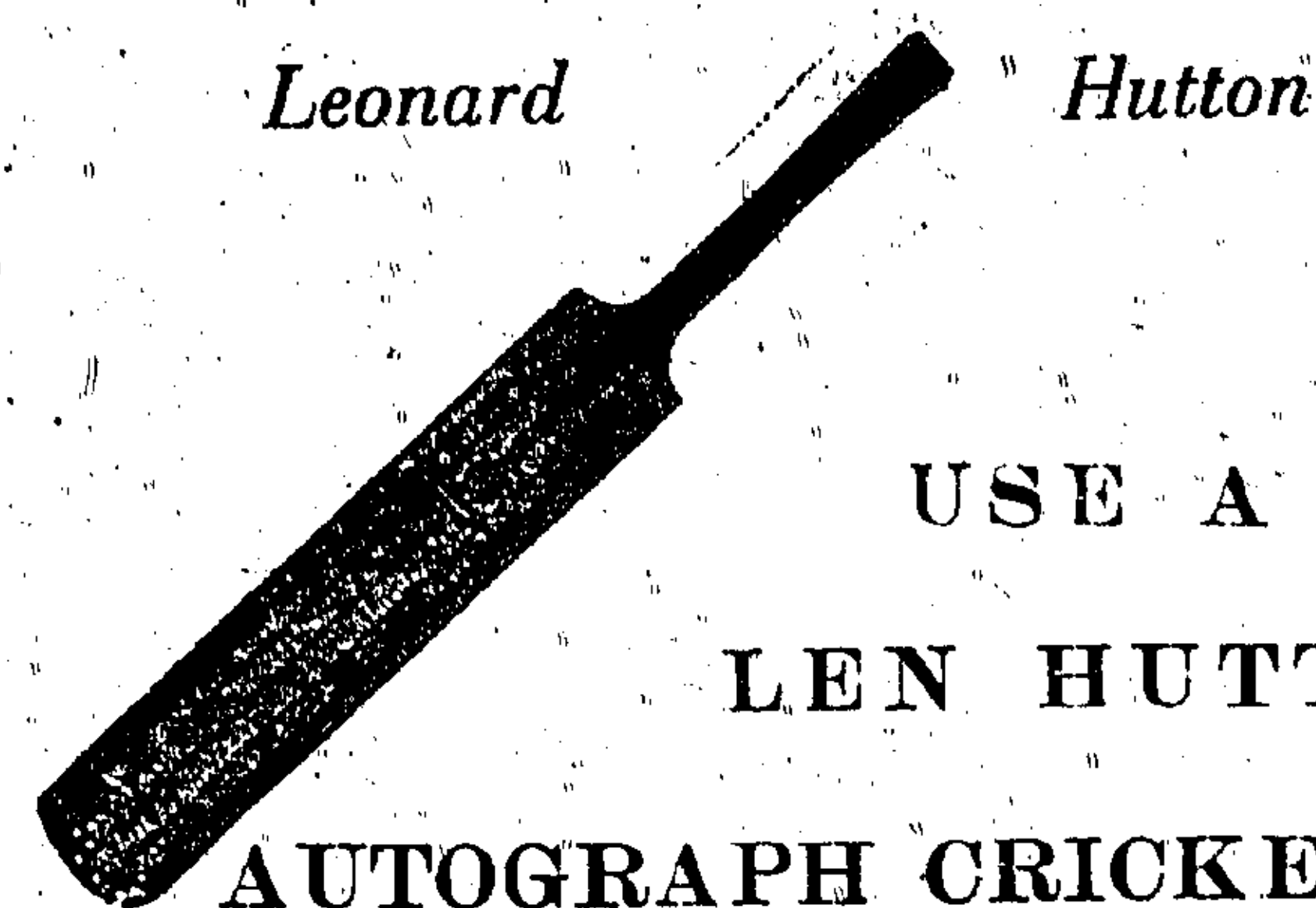
Whilst out with the Fanling Hunt on New Year's Day, Mrs. Peggy MacAvoy, wife of Mr. Dennis MacAvoy, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, had a nasty accident and sustained injuries to the head and spine.

The accident, though painful, was fortunately not serious, and Mrs. MacAvoy is progressing satisfactorily. She flew to Hongkong recently by Clipper from Manila, and will return to the Philippines in about a week.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of robbery, five men, Chan Tung, 25, Li Kin-ching, 22, Li Hon-cho, 36, Chan Shu-yan, 19, and Lau Hung, 23, were committed to the Criminal Sessions. A sixth man, Lo Ki-leung, 22, who was charged with accessory before the fact was also committed.

The complainant was Wong Hoi sea grass dealer.



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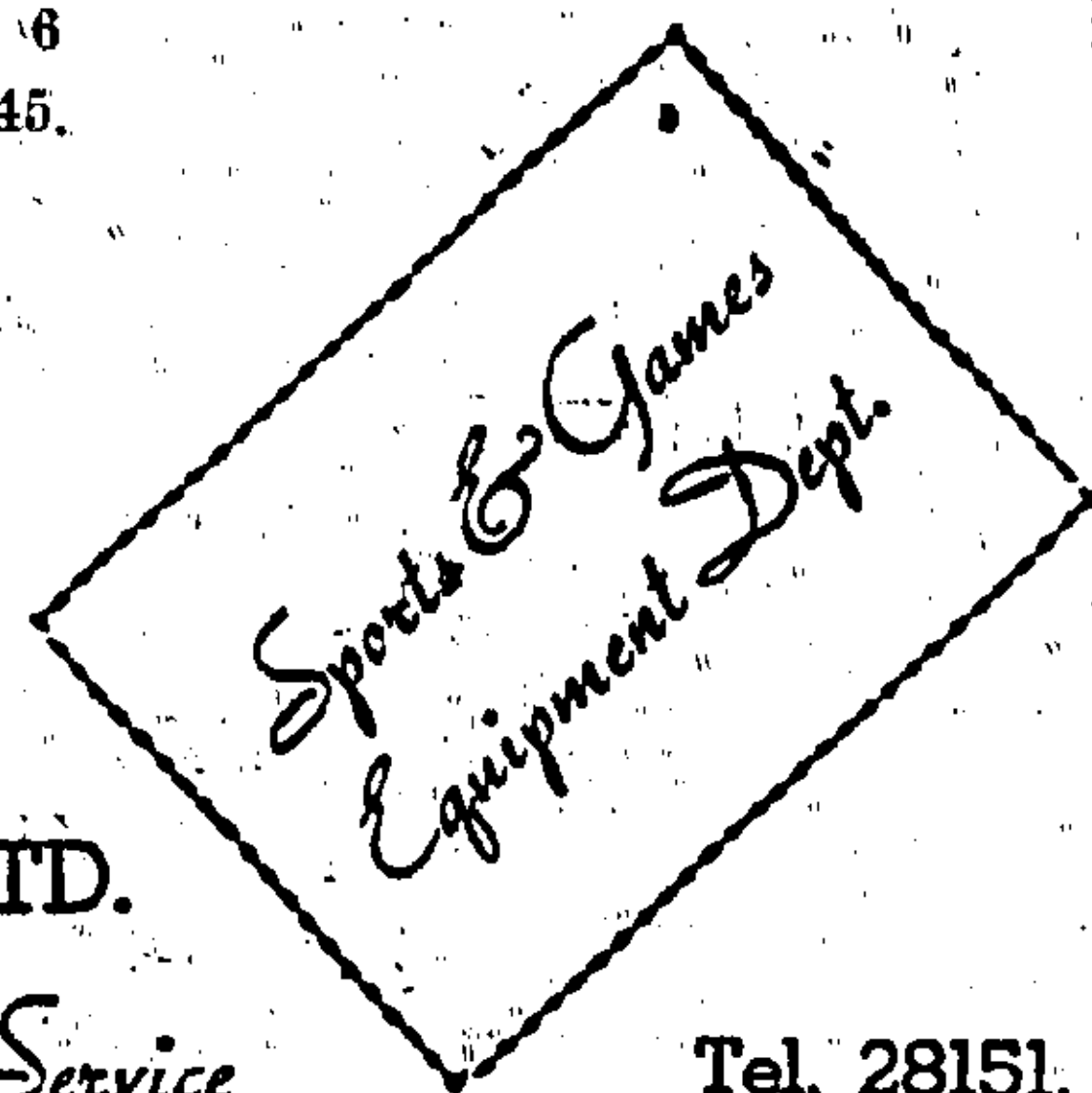
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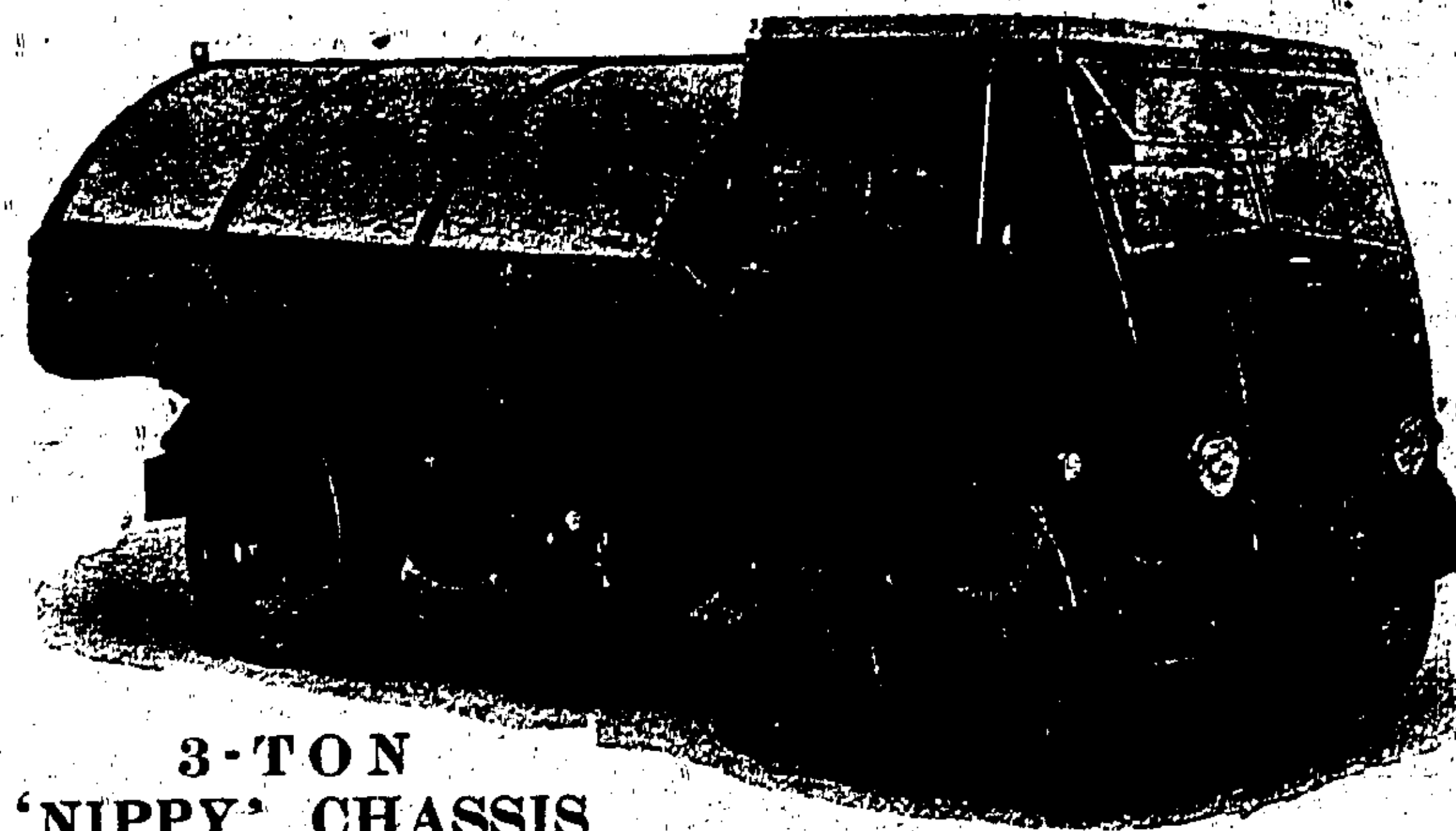
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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of Jan. 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3749	Adj. to New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3690, Castle Peak Road.	As per sale plan.	About 6,720	82	6,720

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of Jan. 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4217	Yan Kung Road as junction with Ma Tau Kok Road.	As per sale plan.	About 2,070	10	2,003

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Sun Fo wish to announce the wedding of their eldest son, Tse-ping, to Miss S. L. Jay of Honolulu in California, U.S.A. on Christmas Day 1939. Outport newspapers please copy.

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The Waiting Game

(Contributed)

THE PRESENT WAR is not being fought along stereotyped lines, and therefore the average person cannot understand it. Is it unreal, phoney as the American call it? Are the antagonists in earnest and do they really mean to fight?—are questions that are being asked.

IT WAS EXPECTED that there would be the usual colossal list of casualties on the front, in the air and on the sea. Four months have passed and nothing of the kind has happened. Various explanations are offered. The Germans do not see why they should be called upon to fight really, seeing that they have got what they want—Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. True, they have lost control of the Baltic. For the present however they are quite satisfied and do not wish to advance further. They offer peace terms by which they would be confirmed in their possessions. The Germans do not wish to launch a great offensive, because they know it will be excessively costly, and the Allies are not in a hurry, because unlike the Germans their preparations are not complete, and while the Allies are growing stronger in a military sense the Germans, because of the blockade, are growing weaker in the economic sphere. There is no need for the Allies to hurry then.

THE GERMANS HOWEVER hope to avoid war by driving a wedge between the British and the French through propaganda. The German policy is so clearly laid down in "Mein Kampf" that there is no need to go further for explanation. By sea and air the Germans have concentrated on Britain and they have courted France by radio. They have directed all their efforts to causing disintegration in these countries. They play up the grievances of discontented minorities in every country. They encourage isolationism in the United States, and in France they try to prove to the people the smallness of British war effort. In Africa they try to rouse the Boers, and in India the discontented elements.

'DIVIDE ET IMPERA' is the basis of the policy in Mein Kampf and Dr. Goebbels is trying to realise it in practice. All these efforts and they are



Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Government Medical Department, and his bride, formerly Miss Ruth Yue Fung U, after their marriage at St. Paul's Church on Thursday afternoon.

RUSSO-GERMAN PACT EXTENDED

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Russo-German commercial and financial agreement of Dec. 19, 1938 has prolonged until Dec. 31, 1940, says a Moscow despatch.

B.W.O.F. Now Totals \$339,191.35

Subscriptions received to date for credit of The British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, are as follows:—

Previously Acknowledged \$328,760.82.
Stanley Sunday School \$27.30, One Fortieth St. Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Turner 500, V. Sorby 500, Ajax 12, Dr. K. W. Chau 250, Mrs. Harry E. Langley 50, Dreamland Dance Hall 50, Officers and Members of Canadian Chinese Club 150, A. F. Horden 15.37, F. B. Winter (Monthly) 100, A. Whitaker (Monthly) 5, A.R.P. 26, Doll Raffle per Mrs. Bury 188, S. W. P. Perry (Monthly) 25, A. C. Wilcox 25, Major C. Temple, R.A. 86.24, Misses Allen and Doris Woods (Monthly) 10, Staff of Union Insee. Socy. of Canton—Dec. 149.50, Some Members of the European Staff—Euterfield and Swire—Dec. 373.50, J. D. Hutchison and Co. 1,000, Chinese Red Cross Society 3,125, M. M. Afanasieff 5, Carol Singers, Taylor, Nonsieu, Boas, Stokes 38, Miss M.L. Whitley (Monthly) 20, Portuguese Staff—Hongkong Bank (Monthly) 50, Bank Interest 159.58, Kwangtung Provincial Bank 1,000, Ko Ho Ning 300, Ko Pook Sun 100, S. A. Kent (Monthly) 10, W. J. Knight 10, The Prison Staff—December 188.54, Three Members European Staff—Tai-koo Sui-sar (Monthly) 25, Wai Shiu Pak 100, Wai Tan Shu Chun 15, Wai Kay Yun 10, Yick On Property and Mortgage Co. 50, Hongkong Ginger Co. 100, Hong Lee 50, Yu Tat Chi 20, Tseng Shing Commercial Assn. 20, Siu Cheuk Sang 10, So Chiu Tung 5, Wong Cheuk Son 10, Yee Hop Lung 5, Kung Poon Chan 5, Chan Po Shu 3, Ng Hoi Sheng 3, Yee Sang Wo 5, Rattan Merchants Assn. 400, Chan Cheuk Pan 100, Ng Chak Wah 50, Li Ping 200, Kwong Tsum Sang 20, Nathan Theatre 10, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow 250, Sun Sun Fat 10, Hing Fat Co. 10, Yuen Chong Chan 10, Kwong Hing Tai 10, Kai Hing Co. 10, Tung Hing 10, Kai Fat Co. 10, Chong Sang Hong 5, Woo Kav 5, Chan Chik Nin 5, Neal Sang Knitting Co. Ltd. 20, Au Tan Chuen 100, Au Sin Cho 100, Au Lone Hin 100, Au Tez Shin 25, Total \$339,191.35.

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REFUGEE COUNCIL

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council has received the following donations during December, 1939:—3 Sympathisers (c/o S.C.M. Post) \$30, Mr. K. Y. Chang 1, British Fund for Relief of Distress in China (for Soup Kitchens) 15,000, St. Stephen's Girls' College 200, 3 Sympathisers and 1 Fortified (c/o S.C.M. Post) 31, Total \$14,282.00.

ADM. SIR CHARLES LITTLE MARRIED

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Admiral Sir Charles Little, Second Sea Lord, was married to his cousin, Maryella Little, at Westminster Abbey.

His first wife died in May last year.

Adm. Sir Charles Little, was formerly Commander-in-Chief of the China Station and was succeeded by Admiral Sir Percy Noble.

GEN. CHIANG ASKS FOR PROTECTION OF CHINESE IN THAILAND

CHUNGKING, DEC. 31 (Central).—Chinese people in Thailand were greatly elated over the Thailand Government's recent release of an official exchange of telegrams between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Thailand Prime Minister concerning the protection of Thailand Chinese.

The Generalissimo's telegram, dated November 29, requested the Thai Government to give continued full protection to Chinese people in Thailand, and to permit them to engage in lawful occupations without undue interference.

Generalissimo Chiang in his telegram pointed out that the geographical and economical close relationship between China and Thailand will prove an important stabilising factor in the peace of the Asian Continent. He also expressed his admiration over the recent achievements of the Thailand Government.

HAPPY RELATIONS
Chinese people, noted for their love of peace and order, are contributing their share in Thailand to the progress and prosperity of the country. Generations of Chinese residents have been living in Thailand, and they have always maintained happy relations with the Thai people themselves.

Generalissimo Chiang said during the present war, when China is passing through a crisis, the Government shall feel more than ever grateful if the Thailand authorities will accord full protection to the Chinese residents.

PREMIER'S REPLY
The Thailand Prime Minister's reply telegram of Dec. 7 thanked Generalissimo Chiang for his sentiments and assured him that the Thai Government valued international co-operation and the most valuable contributions Chinese people in Thailand had made.

The Thailand premier mentioned that the necessary restrictive measures were taken by the government to check unlawful activities, with a view to ensuring that full protection is given to Chinese lives and property in Thailand. He expected that in his broadcast of Nov. 18 to the Chinese people in Thailand, he had cleared up all possible misunderstanding.

The telegram concluded by assuring the Generalissimo that full protection will be accorded to Chinese in Thailand.

SOVIET-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A German News Agency despatch from Moscow, quoting Japanese sources, states "that M. Molotov and Mr. Togo reached an agreement regarding the fisheries dispute to extend temporarily the 1939 Spring Convention with the object of avoiding illegal conditions arising with regard to Japanese fishing rights."

Meanwhile, negotiations for a long term fisheries convention are stated to be continuing. M. Molotov and Mr. Togo also discussed the projected new demarcation of the Manchukuo - Outer - Mongolian frontier.

RAILWAY INSTALLMENT

MOSCOW, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Under the Soviet-Japanese settlement, the Japanese Government guarantee payment of the last installment for the railway due from Manchukuo by Jan. 4, together with the additional sum due under the Gold Clause and interest at three per cent from March 23, 1929, when the installment fell due, and Jan. 3, 1940.

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The communique issued today states that there were few patrols by both sides at various points on the front.

K.C.C. Sports For Children

MRS. LINDSELL GIVES AWAY PRIZES

The Children's Sports held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on New Year's day provided a pleasant afternoon's outing, also for their parents, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present.

Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, wife of the President of the Club, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, distributed the prizes and was in turn presented with a vase of flowers by little Miss Margaret Fincher.

The Band of the 1st Kumaon Rifles played throughout the afternoon.

THE RESULTS

Following are the results:—

GIRLS' EVENTS

Flat Race (Handicap), over 11 and under 14:—1. Fay Carlo; 2. Jill Stokes; 3. Sylvia Boas.

Skipping Race (Handicap), under 9:—1. Joyce Cave; 2. Margaret Walker; 3. Coralle Wolfe.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 8 and under 11:—1. Elizabeth Clitkins; 2. Phyllis Harper; 3. Angela Court.

Potato Race (Scratch), under 12:—1. Joan Taylor; 2. Pamela Barman; 3. Christina Brown.

Egg and Spoon Race (Scratch), under 8:—1. Joyce Naef; 2. Laureen Clemo; 3. Daphne Yeo.

Flat Race (Handicap), under 4:—1. Joyce Naef; 2. Sally Gaby; 3. Margaret Langley.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 4 and under 6:—1. Avril Court; 2. Sally Gaby; 3. Shirley Lo.

Skipping Race (Handicap), over 9 and under 14:—1. Pamela Barman; 2. Dorothy Rowe; 3. Rosemary Langley.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 6 and under 8:—1. Anne Jeffries; 2. Rosemary Brown; 3. Coralle Wolfe.

Musical Chairs, under 12:—1. Joan Taylor; 2. Shona McIntyre; 3. Christina Brown.

Egg and Spoon Race (Scratch), over 8 and under 14:—1. Cynthia Lo; 2. Vivienne Rowe; 3. Jill Stokes.

Relay Race (Teams of four), under 14:—Jacqueline Kew, Fern Ellis, Margaret Morgan and Margaret Walker.

BOYS' EVENTS

Flat Race (Handicap), over 11 and under 14:—1. George Guest; 2. Basil Old; 3. John Fabel.

Boat Race (Scratch), under 9:—1. John Naef; 2. Peter Smith; 3. Andrew Fabel.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 8 and under 11:—1. Michael Harriman; 2. Norman Lo; 3. John Harriman.

Sack Race (Handicap), over 9 and under 14:—1. Harold Brown; 2. John Fabel; 3. Peter Green.

Obstacle Race (Handicap), under 12:—1. George Guest; 2. Stanley Clarke; 3. Jack Tinson.

Flat Race (Handicap), under 4:—1. Carl Naef; 2. Allan Hyde; 3. John Curry.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 4 and under 6:—1. Sydney Minshall; 2. Ricardo Basto; 3. Peter Guest.

Potato Race (Scratch), under 12:—1. Donald Lo; 2. Paul Harriman; 3. Andrew Fabel.

Flat Race (Handicap), over 6 and under 8:—1. Norman Lo; 2. Peter McRae; 3. Donald Jordan.

Tug-of-War (Teams of eight), over 8 and under 14:—C. Brown, R. Ramsey, V. Tipples, M. Hall, H. Brown, G. Curry, E. Guest and A. Carlo.

Three Legged Race (Handicap), under 12:—1. S. Clarke and P. Harriman; 2. A. Jex and M. Lee; 3. E. Guest and J. Tinson.

Relay Race (Teams of four), under 14:—Donald Lo, Roderick Kitchell, Michael Harriman and John Fraser.

Band Race:—1. Rifeman Lal Singh; 2. Rifeman Chattr Singh; 3. Rifeman Panch Singh.

THERMITE BOMB THREAT AGAINST BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—German preparations for a violent onslaught, directed mainly against Britain, will be completed by March, suggest Berlin correspondents of American newspapers, quoted by the Telegraph.

The attack is likely to take the form of aerial bombardments with small incendiary bombs filled with thermite which is most difficult to extinguish.

Good bombers are said to be capable of carrying 10,000 of these "egg" bombs.

Nazis Resume Trade With Finland

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—It was learned from a Finnish source that Germany has decided to resume trade relations with Finland. When the war between Finland and Russia began, Germany suspended the trade negotiations which were proceeding and stopped all exports and all payments for goods received from Finland.

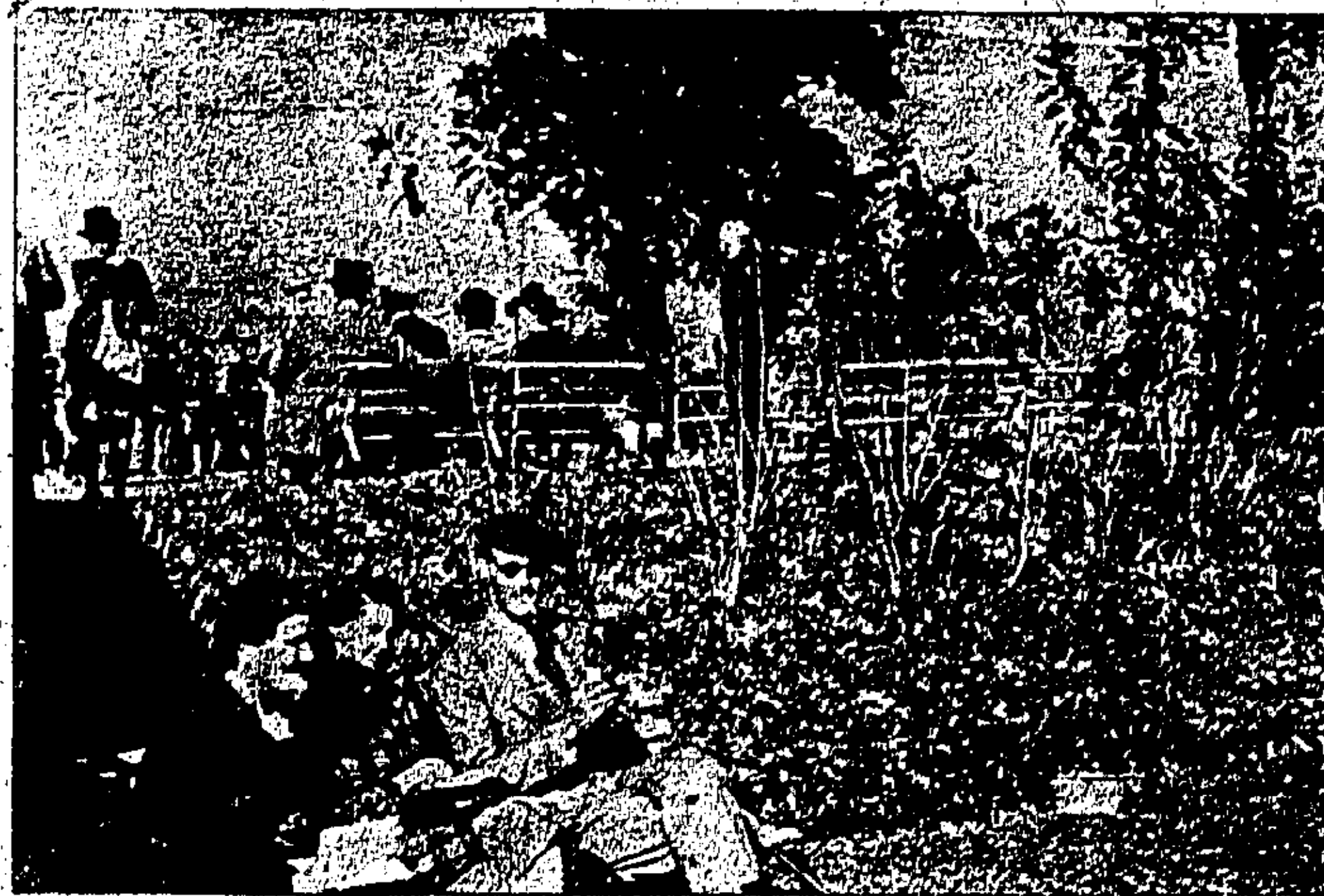
It is now stated that the Reich abruptly resumed negotiations and normal trade will start next week.

UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AIR ON TOUR

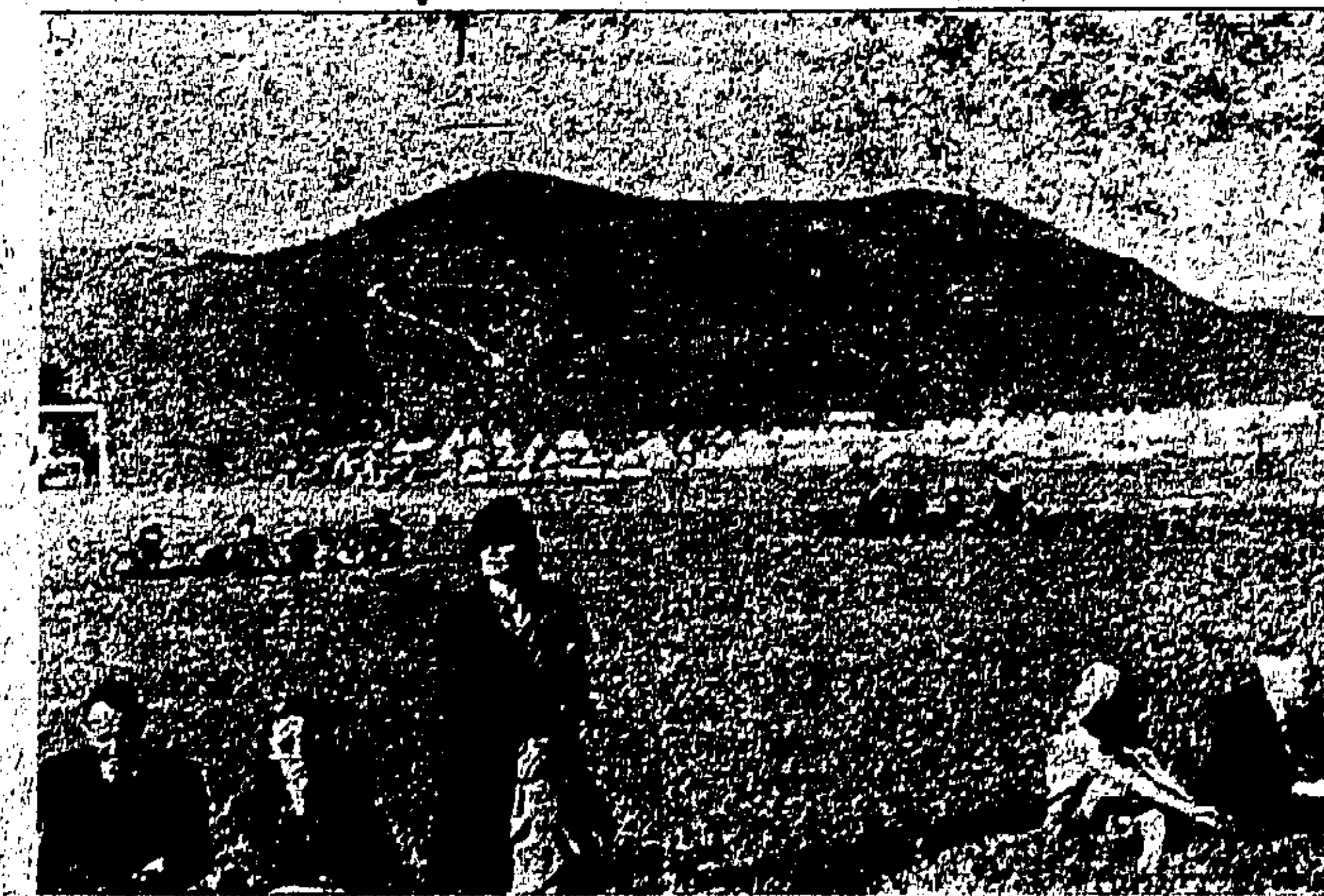
LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Reuter's correspondent somewhere in France, reports that Captain Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, is making a whirlwind tour of the R.A.F. stations and since his arrival yesterday inspected a number of aerodromes, aircraft and crews and met representative groups of officers, N.C.O.'s and aircraftmen.

Captain Balfour, who was a pilot himself in the last war, told Reuter that he wanted to see things at first-hand. He was greatly impressed with the fine spirit of the R.A.F. personnel. Like many other visitors, he was struck with the happy relations existing between the local French civilians and the British fighting men living among them.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—It is announced that the two British gunboats above Hankow have been laid up owing to military requirements. This brings the total to 10 withdrawn or decommissioned from the Yangtze since October.



Pictures taken at the Fanling race meeting held at Kwant: On the left are Mr. David Erskine, Mrs. Elizabeth Grayburn and Miss Rosemary Vickers, while on the right may be seen Mrs. Stoneham. In the background is the Sun Wai Camp.



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SOVIET TROOPS CONCENTRATE FOR MASS ATTACK AGAINST MANNERHEIM LINE

HELSINKI, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—With 150,000 Soviet troops reported to be concentrated, a mass offensive is hourly expected against the Mannerheim Line. The tempo of artillery fire has noticeably increased, though it has not yet reached the proportion of a full-scale barrage.

Isolated infantry attacks are proceeding continually, but no co-ordinated action has yet started.

The Finnish northern headquarters at Rovaniemi report sharp fighting at Salla where the Finns are expected to launch a thrust against the weakening Russian Lines.

GRAVE POSITION

North of Lake Ladoga, a Soviet force of 75,000, including large mechanised forces, are in imminent danger of finding itself stranded as skillful Finnish patrols cut all means of transport and communication.

Russians there are reported to be running short of food and it is stated that within a few days the Russians will be forced to surrender through starvation or fight their way back to their own country.

The Finns claim now to have the initiative on the whole 800 miles of eastern front, except in the Petsamo Sector.

MORE AIR RAIDS

Sunday was one of the worst air raid days since the war started. Towns throughout South Finland report bombings. At least ten towns were attacked and hundreds of bombs dropped, though details regarding the damage and casualties are hitherto lacking.

HEAVY BATTERIES

VIIIPURIS (Viipuri), Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The heavy batteries of the Finnish artillery heralded the New Year on the Karelian Isthmus with 24 salvos.

These brought a furious response from Russian guns which blazed away for nine hours, firing 40 to 50 shells a minute, but did negligible damage.

An 8-inch gun fired three shells into Viipuri which only wrecked a football pitch.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS

HELSINKI, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The thousands of Swedes who wanted to take part in the struggle in the course of the last few days had their wishes materialised, declared the Foreign Minister, M. Tanner, in an interview with the Swedish News Agency.

He said that this force of volunteers, under the command of General Linder, will come and participate as unit of the Finnish Army in the fight against Soviet Russia.

This corps also comprises an adequate number of officers and non-commissioned officers and their role in the struggle for freedom and peace will be an important one.

The Helsinki radio, broadcasting the interview, pointed out that General Linder also commanded the Swedish volunteers who fought in the Finnish war of liberation in 1918.

FURTHER BATCH

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A further batch of volunteers left here last night for Finland. With the New Year celebrations over, it is expected that the transport of volunteers will be considerably speeded up.

RUSSIAN REQUEST

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the Politiken says that M. Stalin has asked Germany for 200,000 technicians, engineers and experts to reorganise Russian economic life, especially the transport system.

The correspondent says that Russia would not be able to continue the campaign against Finland unless a relay of skilled men arrive immediately.

All German experts who go to Russia will be given an entirely free hand and will be under Stalin's personal protection and, it is said, with good salaries.

The correspondent adds that continuance of Russo-German collaboration depends on the immediate despatch of this manpower. The only question is whether Germany can spare such a big number of skilled men.

SOVIET COMMISSARS

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Soviet Commissars taken prisoners by the Finns are proving most difficult and some were shot for attempting to hide arms and continue their work of agitation, according to a *Harve* correspondent after a visit to the front north of Lake Ladoga.

FINNISH CLAIMS

HELSINKI, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The expected Russian offensive against the southern end of the Mannerheim Line still hangs fire.

Despite repeated attacks and heavy artillery bombardment, no where have the Finns been dislodged. In the north the Finns claim successes. Soviet forces are said to have been thrown back on the Salla and Lake Ladoga sectors.

SANGUINARY BATTLES

HELSINKI, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—One of the most sanguinary battles of the war is stated to be raging on the Salla Front where the Russians are now almost surrounded. The last two days are claimed to be good days for the Finns. At no point did they retreat, while at least at two places they have driven the enemy back, their latest success being at Kuhmo, south-east of the Suomussalmi Front.

This is the third time within a week that the Russians were forced back into their own territory. There has also been heavy fighting north of Lake Ladoga, where the Russians were driven back several kilometres. The capital was without an air raid alarm yesterday, but several other towns were raided fifty bombs being dropped at Hangö alone, where a hospital was badly damaged and ten persons injured.

"SUICIDE TROOPS"

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—So far there has been no confirmation available regarding the cutting of the Murmansk-Leningrad line by Finnish "Suicide Troops." In fact a denial is published in Stockholm.

DEVELOPMENT EXPECTED

HELSINKI, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The fierce Russian attacks yesterday on the Mannerheim Line are expected to develop today with rising intensity.

Artillery, in preparation for more than ordinary violence, has been pounding the Finnish positions for more than 38 hours. The Russians tried to rush the defences with masses of men and material at several vital spots.

The reorganised Russian Army, under General Stern, is believed to number at least 200,000 men in this sector and it is reported that a further 50,000 are expected from Leningrad.

The Finns are supposed to have one third of their total Army of 300,000 in the Karelian Isthmus. All reports agree that the Finns have not yielded an inch of ground but behind the Mannerheim Line they are understood to be hastily completing two subsidiary defence systems designed to prevent the enemy from breaking through.

STILL TIME TO TURN BACK TO ROAD OF PEACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, in his New Year message, declared: "The possibility is not excluded that the nations may find sufficient strength of conscience to return, before the forces of destruction have been loosed in all their fury, to the tried and proven road of peaceful international relations."

"If the war intensifies, it will fall more heavily upon the American people. If peace comes, America must throw her weight in the direction of creating a stable and enduring world order under law."

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AS "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Her Majesty the Queen of England has been nominated "Woman of the Year" by the Washington Merry-go-Round, which is a syndicated column to 400 newspapers.

The column states that the reason for this is "because, arriving in an aloof and critical country, she completely conquered it and accomplished the conquest by being her natural self."

CASUALTIES IN SHANGHAI MURDERS

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central).—Forty-four casualties resulted from assassinations in Shanghai in 1939, according to an estimate.

This figure does not include casualties caused by stray bullets.

Liberation Of Suffering Peoples

Dr. Benes Confident Of Allied Victory

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Confidence that 1940 will bring liberation to the suffering peoples of Central Europe was expressed by Dr. Benes, President of the Czechoslovak National Committee, in a New Year message.

He adds: "The year will be decisive for the victory of the Allies. The Nazi leaders see already that they have definitely lost unless they can secure a compromise settlement."

"Therefore they will, during the next month, try desperately to save most of their rape of Poland and Czechoslovakia by proposing different and unacceptable and politically impossible peace news, with the object of preserving their regime for the time being to enable them later to begin once more their immoral and barbarian policy aiming at the domination of Europe."

Dr. Benes further declares that the moral strength and spirit of resistance of the Czechoslovak nation was greatly strengthened by the recognition of the Czechoslovak National Committee by Britain and France.

LATEST SPY SCARES IN GERMANY

TRAFFIC WITH HOLLAND IS DISCOURAGED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A new spy scare in Germany is described in an article dated from Holland's eastern border and published in Rotterdam paper *Maasbode*.

This fear of spies is the reason for the marked discouragement noticeable lately of all traffic between Germany and Holland. Over Christmas, very few of those who applied to go to Germany to visit friends and relations were granted the necessary permits.

New notices saying: "Caution in Conversation. The Enemy is Listening," have been stuck up on the German side of the border.

MORE WARNINGS

The constant movement of troops in black-out trains and the huge war traffic in Germany have caused the German authorities to give great publicity to warnings against spies and to the law against high treason.

No Reply To U.S. Protest

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central).—The incident in which Miss Frances Donaldson, of New York, was hit on the chest by a Japanese sentry on the Szechwan Road Bridge in Shanghai on Dec. 20, was reported to the U.S. State Department on Dec. 23, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

"The American Consulate has not yet received any reply to their protest from the Japanese authorities regarding the incident."

An average of over one million National Savings Certificates have been sold on each working day since Nov. 22. Over £1,500,000 has been contributed on every working day to Boxing Day, (Reuter).

Turning Point Of War By Easter

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Viscount Kano, London Manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank in an interview, declared that the war will have reached its turning point in favour of the Allies by Easter and that the Sino-Japanese conflict will end in a month in a magnanimous peace.

INCREASED HARDSHIPS

Viscount Kano declared that Germany had not the foreign investments or other resources she possessed in 1914 and said that as Germany's resources were diverted more to military purposes, the sufferings of the people will increase.

The scarcity of salt, food and clothing was already felt. "How can Germany in this plight carry on a full dress air-bombardment on Britain or an assault on the Maginot Line?" he asked.

ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS
Viscount Kano also hoped of better Anglo-Japanese relations. He declared that Japan did not want territory indemnity from China, but only access to her raw materials and a better market for Japanese goods.

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They have already reached the south-east and northwest parts of the war-torn town. Fighting is also raging near Anyi and Wenshi.

In South-East Shansi fighting has been in progress at Hukwan and Changchih in the past week. Some 700 Japanese are estimated to have been killed and 1,000 wounded.

HONAN TOWN TAKEN

SEANCHOW, HONAN, Jan. 2 (Central).—Following their recapture of Sheshien, in North Honan, Chinese forces have recovered another important town, Wu-an, northeast of Sheshien. The Japanese are retreating towards Anyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

TRAIN MISHAP

FANCHENG, HUPPEI, Jan. 2 (Central).—Over 100 Japanese were killed when a Japanese train struck a Chinese mine at Tunshangho, near Sinyang, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, in South Honan, on Sunday.

Chinese Raid Near Peiping?

CITY SHAKEN BY EXPLOSIONS

PEIPING, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Violent explosions close to the city shook Peiping, causing some alarm among the inhabitants on Sunday. One report, so far unconfirmed states that two Chinese bombers flew over Fengtai, a few miles south-west of Peiping, and bombed the town, hitting an ammunition dump and causing three terrific explosions.

It is definitely known, however, that a foreigner attempting to reach Fengtai by train yesterday morning was turned back by the Police and not allowed to proceed.

BOMBING PRACTICE

A large number of Japanese planes were seen flying over the city just before the explosions, which some Japanese circles say were caused by bombing practice.

GENERAL HATA'S MESSAGE

TOKYO, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Gratitude to the 70,000 Japanese killed in action since the beginning of the "China Affair" was expressed by the War Minister, General Hata, in a New Year's message.

General Hata says that the new Central Government of China would be established shortly but this does not mean an early settlement of the China affair.

"He urges the necessity of continued vigorous co-operation on the part of the nation for the establishment of the new order in East Asia."

"The situation in Europe is becoming more complex and serious," General Hata adds, "and it is necessary for Japan to make every possible preparation and be capable of meeting such a situation."

"The Imperial Japanese Army is firmly determined to fulfil its duties for a settlement of the China affair and for coping with the world situation."

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unity and our determination to fight and overcome whatever difficulties that may lie in our path to final success.

WORK OF MOVEMENT

Reviewing the work of the Spiritual Mobilisation Movement in the past eight months since its inception, the Generalissimo said that the results were still a long way from satisfactory. Even in Chungking, what has been achieved fell short of expectations, and in Szechwan province alone 27 districts have not even started the campaign.

It behoves all responsible officers of the Movement to increase their efforts to set it in full swing, Generalissimo Chiang pointed out, so that the final aim to imbue every single member of the nation with its principles and ideals will be attained within a short time.

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY

Directly addressing the people, Generalissimo Chiang stressed that every man, woman and child bears a direct responsibility towards the nation. In this grave crisis the individual people must be subordinated to the interests of the country, and all the time, energy, intellect and life of a single member must be given unreservedly to the nation so that through his own sacrifice his Fatherland may be saved.

Generalissimo Chiang mentioned the people's duty in participating in such movements as the Production Movement and Economy and Savings Movement which have been started on nation-wide scale.

DUTY TO CHINA

Addressing particularly to the people in occupied areas, the Generalissimo said while he was ever mindful of the distress and suffering they have experienced under Japanese oppression, they should not neglect their duty towards their country and their brothers and sisters slain by the enemy.

As long as they live, they should do everything possible in their means to harass, weaken and incapacitate the enemy, and morally rearming themselves for the courage to perform their tasks.

The Generalissimo lastly gave a stern warning to all Party and Government officials and leaders of all walks of life to set an example for their compatriots.

They should realise their own position and responsibility and at once correct whatever bad habits detrimental to the furtherance of national spiritual strength.

SACRED DUTY

The Generalissimo said in conclusion that the foundation for the nation's victory has been firmly laid, and it remains the sacred duty of every member of the nation conscientiously and truly to do their part.

He hoped that on this day every Chinese people will take it to his heart to join in the consummation of this huge task as a fitting memorial to the late Party Leader and all those who have died before us in China's national reconstruction.

He warned against "unrestricted competition in atrocities with the enemy" and said that as the time goes on and just indignation rises against some of the enemy's methods, there will be angry demands pay them back in their own coin.

BRITISH IDEALS

"Some reprisals there must be, but there will be limits below which we must not go," he said. The ideals for which we went to war must not be forgotten in the peace.

The Prime Minister recalled that when Abraham Lincoln was asked "Do you think God is on our side," he replied: "I don't know, but what matters is that we should be on the side of God."



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Reich Striving To Organise Diplomatic Peace Offensive Favourable To Germany

PARIS, June 2 (Reuter).—The Petit Parisien states that its correspondent in Italy has sent a report, which must be reached with all reserve, but which indicates that the Reich is striving its utmost to organise a diplomatic offensive for a peace favourable to Germany, leaving her the essential part of her conquests.

The correspondent suggests that important influences are working to make Herr Hitler reshuffle his regime and present it under a more "civilised form."

He says that Herr Hitler would become President and Field-Marshal Goerring, Chancellor, and radicals like Dr. Goebbels, Herr Himmler and Dr. Ley would disappear. Herr Mackeisen would probably become Foreign Minister of Economy.

The new government would be secret as regards its imperialist aims and "political distance" would be emphasised in regard to Russia.

POLAND REDUCED

It would be assumed that Poland and Czechoslovakia would be reduced in size, according to arbitration, and high personage autarchy would be renounced and there would be a return to world economy.

The Petit Parisien adds that General Reichenau and General Blaskowitz are sounding Nazi Party leaders and magnates in the heavy industry and says that the captains of industry seem agreeable to an interior solution which would prevent Germany shipping further towards Bolshevism.

27,000 TONS OF SNOW IN PARIS

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Over 27,000 tons of snow fell over Paris on Thursday night and the authorities are having the greatest difficulty in coping with the fall, although 2,000 tons of salt had already been scattered on the streets.

The work of clearing up was considerably slowed up by the shortage of men as motor street sweepers have been requisitioned by the army.

BRITISH PRIMATE WARNS AGAINST UNRESTRICTED REPRISALS

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Archbishop of Canterbury, broadcasting, said: "It was vital that they should be upheld in way by the invincible faith in the rightness of our cause."

He warned against "unrestricted competition in atrocities with the enemy" and said that as the time goes on and just indignation rises against some of the enemy's methods, there will be angry demands pay them back in their own coin.

The Prime Minister recalled that when Abraham Lincoln was asked "Do you think God is on our side," he replied: "I don't know, but what matters is that we should be on the side of God."

"Can we doubt that whatever our shortcomings and sins as a nation in contending for the eternal and absolute virtues of right and wrong, we are acting in accordance with the will of God?"

TWO - MILLION MEN CALLED UP FOR REGISTRATION BY ROYAL PROCLAMATION

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Nearly two million men are affected by a Royal Proclamation, signed last night, making liable for military service all men who reached nineteen years, but are not twenty-eight on Jan. 1 or Jan. 30. This new method specifying the number and age of a group simultaneously, instead of one at a time as formerly, is adopted largely for administrative reasons.

The registration of men covered by the Proclamation will not take place immediately, nor will all the men required be registered at the same time. Men of nineteen will

SEQUEL TO GRAF SPEE ACTION

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The Nazi steamer *Tacoma* has been interned together with the *Graf Spee* crew on board.

Shortly before noon representatives of the Government boarded the *Tacoma* as she lay in the outer harbour and signed legal bonds, under which she will be detained in Uruguayan waters for the duration of the war. A guard of twenty sailors was placed on board to prevent any attempt at evasion.

AUXILIARY UNIT

Uruguayan action was taken on the ground that the *Tacoma* intervened in the *Graf Spee* affair as an auxiliary unit of the German Navy.

It is thought that Herr Hitler may have decided against her scuttling, because this would have lent support to the Uruguayan contention that the *Tacoma* was belligerent.

This contention is vigorously contested by the Germans.

TRADE COMPLICATIONS

Scuttling would also have caused trade complications, as the *Tacoma* carries a considerable cargo of refrigerated fruit belonging to exporters on the Pacific Coast of the United States.

Another theory is that the Captain hoped to make Buenos Aires, where he believed he might escape, internment, but on sighting a British warship he decided that his plan was impracticable.

COURTESY VISIT

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—H. M.S. *Ajax*, wearing the Flag of Rear-Admiral Harwood will shortly pay a courtesy visit to Montevideo if the consent of the Uruguayan Government is forthcoming.

The statement that the *Ajax* is visiting Montevideo in order to repair damage suffered in the action with the *Graf Spee*, are devoid of truth, according to an authoritative announcement in London.

PROTEST LODGED

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The German Ambassador in Montevideo has protested to the Uruguayan Government against the internment of the *Tacoma*, according to the German News Agency.

The speed of registration for calling up the new groups will be made in the light of man-power requirements in the three fighting forces. Meantime, no action is required by the men concerned until the public announcement of the date of registration of various age groups, which will follow at carefully worked out intervals.

Mr. W. J. Kewick, Managing Director, Jardine Matheson and Co., Shanghai, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on a visit to the Colony. Men of nineteen will

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Mozart—Piano Concerto in B Major

Elly Ney (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra conducted by Dr. W. van Hoogstraeten.

12.55 Mozart Song.

1.11 Have Vengeance (from "The Marriage of Figaro")—Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Elizabeth Ruzicka (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) and Benny Goodman and His Orchestra in "Swing" Music.

Fox-Trots—Afraid To Dream (film "You can't have everything"); Roll-Tem—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Loch Lomond (in Fox-Trot Tempo); I'm Coming Virginia (in Fox-Trot Tempo); Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Can't We Be Friends; Peckin' (film "New Faces of 1937")—Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Blue Skies (Berlin)—Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) & Her Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Goody-Goody; It's Been So Long (film "The Great Ziegfeld")—Benny Goodman & His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Charlie Kunz, Max Miller, Bob Mallin, The Duncan Sisters and Robinson Cleaver.

Comedian—Confessions of a Cheeky Chappie (Miller)—Max Miller. Guitar—There's Only Five Bullets in My Old Six Shooter (Box-Cox-Exbert); Prairie Rambo (Godfrey Carleton)—Bob Mallin and His Guitar.

Vocal—Adam and Eve (Duncan Sisters—Granatt); T.P.Tin (Leeven-Greaver)—The Duncan Sisters, accompanied by two pianos. Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 8. 7—Intro: In a little Gypsy Tea Room; Old Mammy Mine; Anything Goes; When Day is Done—Charlie Kunz.

Cinema Organ—The Whistler & His Dog (Pryor); Frasnata Serenade (Lehar)—Robinson Cleaver.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music.

"Fox-Trots—Let's Call The Whole Thing Off (film "Shall we Dance?); They Can't Take That Away from Me (film "Shall we Dance?)"—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Rumba—It's An Old Cuban Custom (Norely Fox-Trot); Swing Synchronization With A Fox and Spoon—Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks"; Tangos—Jalousie—Xavier Cugat and His Hotel Orchestra. Tu Sals—Henry King and His Hotel Pierre Orch. Fox-Trots—Between A Kiss and a Sigh; Hurry Home—Ray Kyser and His Orchestra; Wailing Me Jump on the Wagon; (from "Gypsy Princess")—Orchestra.

Mascotte. Fox-Trot—I Go For That (film "St. Louis Blues"); Quickstep—Shut-Eye—Jack Bylton and His Orchestra. Quicksteps—Sing My Heart (film "Love Affair"); Wishing (film "Love Affair")—Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Orient Night; Striding In The Park; Silly Bartholomew and His Dance Orchestra. Waltz—I Shall Always

Remember You Smiling; Fox-Trot—The 7.15 To Dreamland—Rigo Rignold and His Orchestra.

6.58 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.00 London Relay—Musical Comedy in Miniature.

Cities of Music: Venice.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Grand Variety Programme with Oliver Wakefield, George Formby, Grace Fields, Elsie Atherton and Others.

Comedienne—Some of These Days (Brooks); "Moanin' Low (Dietz and Rainger)—Sophie Tucker with Ted Shapiro's Orchestra. Monologue—Empire (A Jarding Relay)—Max Empire.

Kester and John de Grey. Vivraphone—Treacilin' (in Silky Tempo)—Robbins and Fenouillet—Harry Robbins with The Four Bright Sparks. Monologue—Crazy Commentaries (Red Riding Hood v. The Wolf)—Max Kester.

Cinema Organ—By The Blue Hawaiian Waters (Ketelbey)—Medley—Reginald Foot. Humorous Monologue—The Voice of Inexperience (Wakefield)—Oliver Wakefield.

Cinema Organ—The Vision of Full-San (Ketelbey)—Medley—Reginald Foot. Comedienne—My Young Man's Ever So Nice (Vivian Ellis); Dennis. The Menace from Venice (Pola).

Edna Atherton. Comedian—George Formby Medley—Intro: Sitting on the Ice; Do de oh Doh; Chinese Laundry Blues; Madame Moscovitch; My Ukulele; Fanciful Fanny—George Formby with His Ukulele and Orchestra. Vocal—Outside An Old Stage Door (Pelosi and Others); Old Father Thames (O'Hagan)—Grace Fields with Fred Hartley and His Orchestra. Vocal—The Legionnaires (Warner-Darnell); Sally The Circus Queen (Weston-Lee)—Warner and Darnell. Instru.—I'm Getting Sentimental Over You (Washington-Baumann); Falling In Love With You (Young and Others)—Andy Ions and His Islanders.

8.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 Folk Music.

Mutual Love (arr. Porter); The Comical Fellow (arr. Porter); Folk Dance Band conducted by Ronald Munro. La Volta (Byrd); Ave (Rostler); Tower Hill (Farnaby) (arr. Hunt); O You're Pretty (English Jig); Butter'd Please (English Folk Song—arr. Marzerson); Nancy Wants Her Own Share (Irish Folk Tune—arr. Miller); The Pipers Gull Gull Gull.

The Berkshire Tangle (English Country Song); O Sad Fading (Tard); Oliver Cromwell (English Country Song)—Our Bill (Vocal) with Piano accom. Scandinavian Dances: Little Man In A Fur; Sextur; Gallopink—Folk Dance Orchestra cond. by Victor Olor.

9.45 Three Brahms' Songs by Elvira Gierhardt (Hewson-Sorenson). Nightingale Standchen—with Piano accom. by Cecelia V. Ros.

9.55 Brahms—Variations on a Theme by Paganini, Op. 35. From Petri (Piano).

10.15 Sibelius—Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 43. Service by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
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Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.
do 9.15 p.m.
do 12.00 mid-night

Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

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Mondays—Background to the News 11.00 p.m.
Tuesdays—Background to the News 8.15 a.m.
In England Now 11.00 p.m.
Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.
Wednesdays—In England Now 6.45 a.m.
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Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.
Thursdays—Matters of Moment 6.45 a.m.
Background to the News 11.00 p.m.
Fridays—In England Now 11.00 p.m.
Now 6.45 a.m.
London Log 3.30 p.m.
London Log 11.15 p.m.
Sundays—London Log 6.45 a.m.

Auxiliary Nursing Service Lectures

Under the auspices of the Auxiliary Nursing Service, lectures will be held as follows:
Wednesday, Jan. 5 "First Aid" at St. John Ambulance Hqs. 5.30 p.m.; Lecturer—Dr. K. T. Ko, and at Kowloon Hospital at 5.30 p.m.—Lecturer—Dr. T. Z. Bau.
Friday, Jan. 5—"Home Nursing" at St. John Ambulance Hqs. 5.30 p.m.; Lecturer—Dr. C. H. Leung.
Monday, Jan. 8—"Home Nursing" at Kowloon Hospital, 5.30 p.m.; Lecturer—Dr. P. C. Lai.



"Little ballerinas"—Claire Van Wylick, Laureen Clemo, Coralie Wolfe, Molra, Patey and June Goddard as they will appear in the George Goncharoff ballet at the King's Theatre on January 10 and 11, 1940. (Tonoff Studio).

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

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LUNCHEON

Vegetable Soup
Turkey Hash
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Squash
String Beans
Turnips
Apple Pie
Cheese
Tea

DINNER

Onion Soup
Tomato Salad
Lamb Cutlets
Creamed Mushrooms
Baked Potatoes
Brussel Sprouts
Green Peas
Date Cake
Coffee

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND
Thursday: Bangkok, Hanol, Hongkong.
Della—4 p.m.
Delphinus—5 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND
Sunday: Hanol, Bangkok, Della—7 a.m.
Air France:

NORTHBOUND
Wednesday: France, Hanol, Hongkong.
Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND
Thursday: Hanol, France.
Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways:

EASTBOUND
Tuesday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
Philippine Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Wednesday: Manila, U.S.A.
Philippine Clipper—8.30 a.m.

NOTE: There will be two inward services from Bangkok tomorrow of Imperial Airways, one, the regular Thursday service, and the other is the delayed service due last Sunday.

Pan American Airways Clipper schedule is further dislocated, there

RAINLESS DECEMBER

RECORD OF 1909 EQUALLED

December was a month of almost cloudless skies and unbroken sunshine, owing to the persistence of a strong anticyclone over China. The weather was very dry, and no measurable amount of rainfall was recorded from Nov. 27 until the end of the year.

MEAN TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for the month was 61.9° F., which is 1.1° below normal. A maximum of 73.2° was recorded on the 17th, and a minimum of 52.0° on the 25th. The mean relative humidity was 62 per cent, which is 8 per cent below normal.

TOTAL SUNSHINE

The total sunshine was 299 hours, which exceeds the normal by 98 hours, and is a record for December.

No rain fell during the month; this record was equalled in December 1884 and 1909, which were also completely rainless months.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 43 m.p.h., at 1 a.m. on the 21st.

Kuomintang Issues Manifesto

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central)—The Shanghai Municipal Kuomintang Headquarters has issued a New Year message to the 3,000,000 Chinese in the port city.

The message declares that after over two years' war Japan is on the downward trend militarily, financially and diplomatically.

It severely rebukes the Chinese traitors who advocate "peace" with the enemy at this moment and urges the patriotic Chinese to continue the struggle until Japanese aggression is halted and the foundation of permanent world peace laid. It expresses gratitude for the assistance given to China by friendly Powers.

The death was announced on Monday of Lady Jordan, widow of a former British Minister in Peking.

will be no Clipper this week due to poor weather conditions in the Pacific. The service is arriving next Tuesday.

NEWSETTES

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund now stands at \$2910,000.—(BWS).

Commander the Hon. E. Pleydell-Bouverie, formerly in command of H.M.S. Hermes, has been promoted to Captain.

Both Houses of the French Parliament early on Saturday morning passed the entire Civil Budget.—(Reuter).

For the thirteenth year, in succession, Dr. Salazar, Premier of Portugal, presented a balanced budget.—(Reuter).

Commander H. S. Murray-Smith, formerly in command of H.M.S. Medway on the China Station, has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

The quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Formosa against arrivals from Hongkong on account of small-pox have been removed.

Gen. Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, assumed his concurrent post of Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters in Kunming on Jan. 1.

A Constitution Research Committee has been formed to make further study of the Draft of the National Constitution to be submitted to the forthcoming National People's Assembly for ratification.

Mr. A. F. Knudsen, Presidential Agent of the Theosophical Society, will deliver a lecture, the subject being "Theosophy and Modern Needs" at the Society's Lodge Room No. 18 Chater Road, at 8 p.m. tomorrow. All interested will be welcomed.



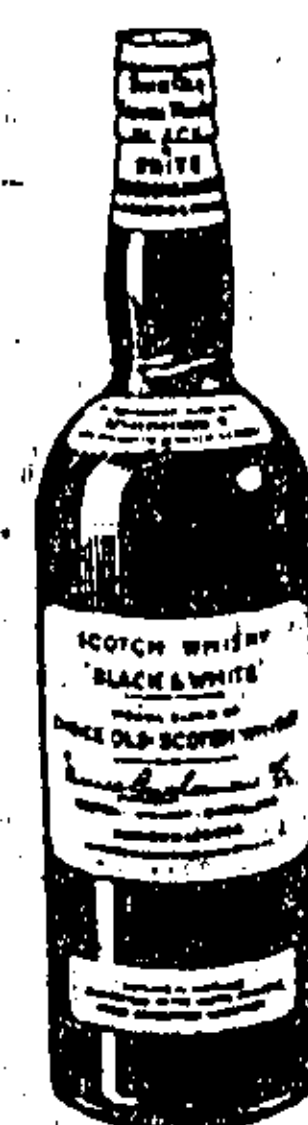
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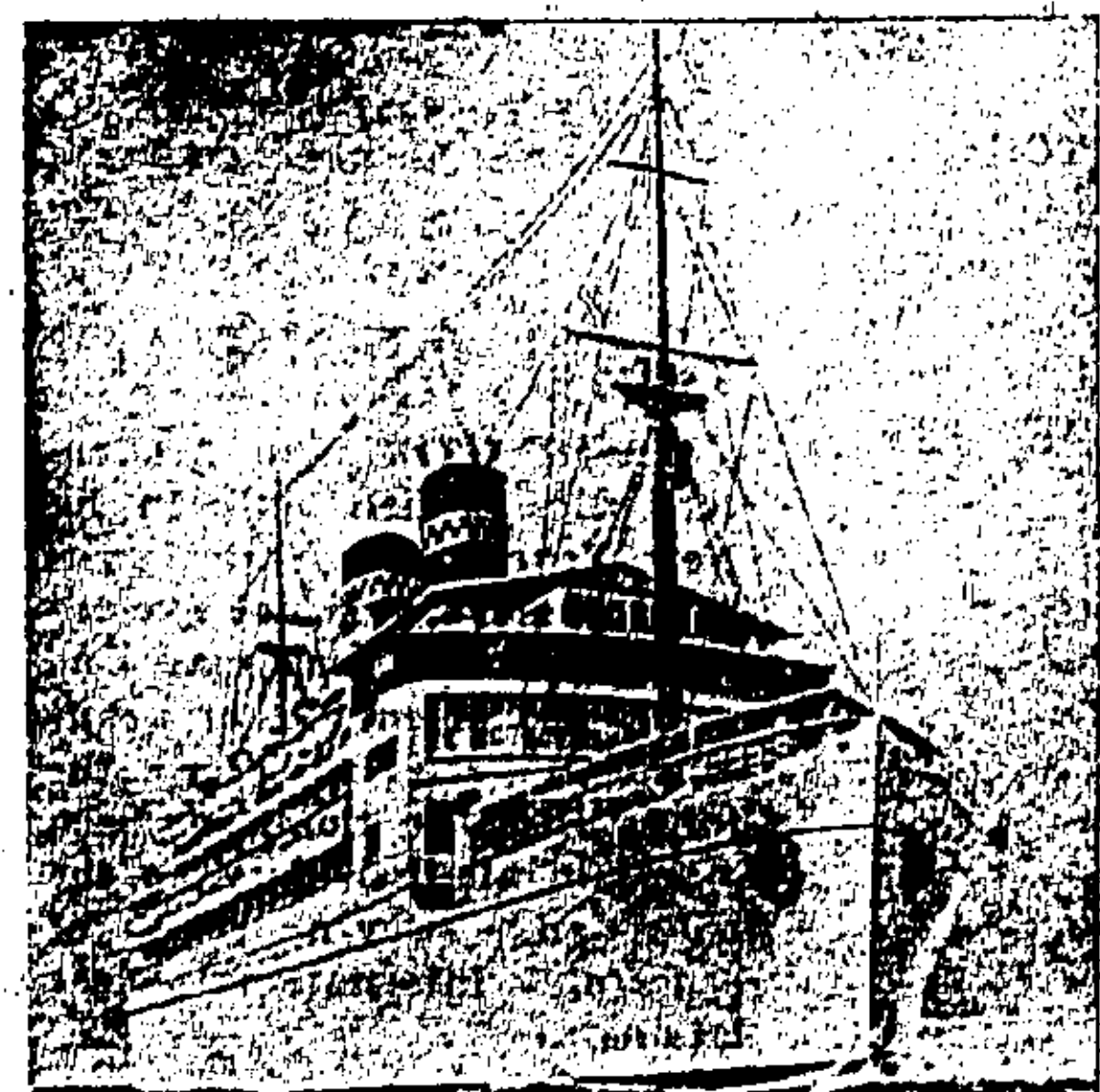
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The following passengers left yesterday Dutch steamer—Miss E. V. Nordlund, B. W. Strong, R. W. V. Th. van Der, Dr. and Mrs. A. Laidlaw, J. A. Duff, Miss R. Groff Smith, U. Linley, R. H. Gregory, Mr. Le de la Dana, and Miss M. West.

COLONY HEALTH

Forty-seven cases of tuberculosis, six cases of dysentery, five cases of enteric fever, four cases of small-pox and three cases of chicken-pox were notified to the Health Department on Jan. 1.

THIS MAN MADE POISON GAS FOR GERMANY

This amazing story of how poison gas was manufactured in Germany before the war began was smuggled out of that country by the author and was published recently in the Sunday Chronicle.

In doing so he writes: "I realise that this makes me a perjurer and a traitor to the present rulers of my country."

"But I am a father and I believe it is my duty as a human being to tell the world what is going on in the factory in which I work."

I work in the Poison Gas Division of the Crefeld-Uerdingen Plant of the German Dye Trust, states the author.

Our plant used to be a small one, but when we started to prepare for the war it was transformed into a gigantic factory.

All entrances to the works are guarded day and night by special police. Every morning we must pass the scrutiny of these guards before we go to work.

There are a tremendous number of men working here now—more than 4,000.

The various divisions of the plant are strictly separated from each other, and the crew of one department does not know anything about those working in any other one.

Besides this, when we were employed we had to take a special oath to keep secret everything that goes on. We are under constant surveillance.

The division in which I work produces chrome gas.

We are told that chrome gas is one of the deadliest poison gases ever invented.

It seeps into the soil, where it stays for a long time. Everything it comes into contact with becomes poisonous.

GO THROUGH HELL

I do not know the uses to which it can be put, other than destroying living things, but I do know how it is manufactured, and the hell we go through to produce it.

In the shed in which I work there is a huge double drum.

Every few weeks we put 30 tons of chromium ore into the inside of this container. Then the drums are started and the current is switched on.

The heat used varies between 2,500 and 3,000 degrees centigrade. Soon the chrome inside the drums is at a white heat.

The gas is led off through a gadget at one end of the drum. Finally, it is packed in steel flasks.

Not all of the gas, however, is stored in its neutral state. Some of it is transformed into a powder by a secret process.

This process belongs among the most carefully guarded secrets around here. I do know this much, that they add phosphorus preparations, sulphur and lead to the gas to make it a powder.

SILVER FOREHEAD

The powder has a double effect. It will set fire to all inflammable materials and at the same time will liberate the gas. It must be a hellish mixture.

Besides attending to the drums all of us who work here have to serve as human guinea pigs.

We are constantly in danger of losing our lives in the testing room.

We must try all types of masks in the experimental chamber to determine what type is best suited to protection against this gas.

For a long time the head of our department was a Dr. Martin, who used to experiment with chrome gas in his laboratory.

After a while the gases ate away the upper parts of his sinuses, so that the entire bone had to be removed. Now Dr. Martin has a silver forehead.

BONE CUT AWAY

Two other men in our department also had to have some of their bone cut away. The doctors say that working with these gases, despite the safety measures, causes some kind of bone erosion.

We all dread the frequent visits to the testing chamber, it is deep underground. After passing through a set of gas-tight double doors we arrive in the chamber itself.

Only one man goes in at a time, while the others stand outside the control windows to observe the momentary guinea pig's actions.

This testing room is about 20ft. long and 12ft. wide with a ceiling 20ft. above the floor.

It is my turn to be guinea pig. As the heavy doors closed behind me, the engineer gives me a sign. It is the signal for me to pull seven levers in a predetermined sequence.

But before I pull the last switch, I must pause to count three; and at the instant I pull the lever I must make a quick about-face. For it is this last lever which causes the explosion of the gas cartridge.

SAT IN GAS MASK

As I turn I hear the muffled detonation. I stay in the experimental chamber for about ten minutes longer.

When I get out I must take off the oversuit which I had been wearing. Then I remove the mask. Next I go into a bath. It is a special bath with chemicals added to the water.

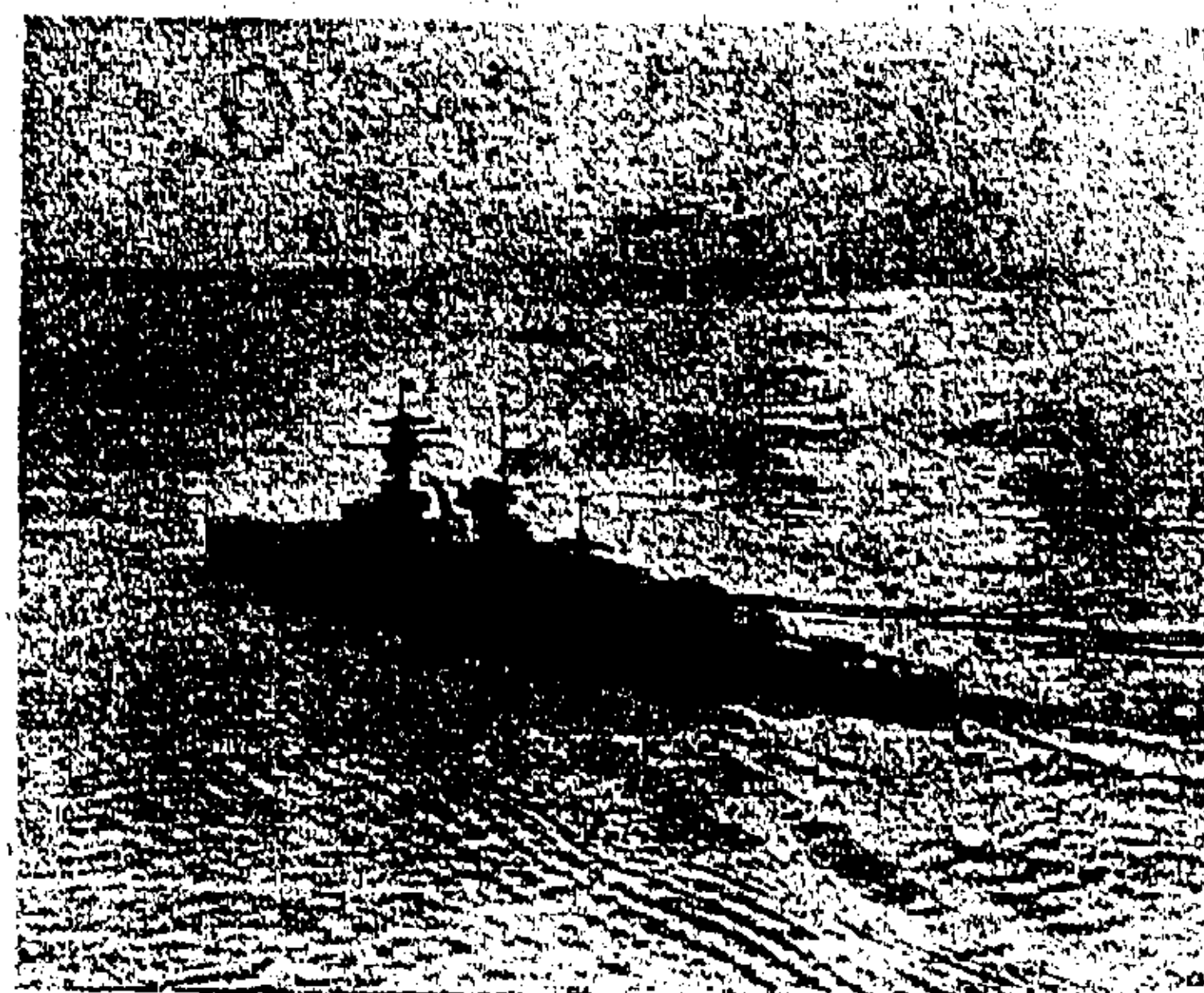
Recently they tried a different kind of gas on me.

It must have been a more potent variety. For that time all the clothing I had worn in the testing room was burned in a special oven the moment it was taken off me.

Then I had to sit naked, wearing my gas mask, in a special room for about twenty minutes while oxygen or some other gas mixture was blown through it.

After the oxygen bath was over I was permitted to remove my mask, and was hurried into another water bath.

Before going into this water, however, I was warned not to let any of it get into my eyes or mouth because it contained some very strong chemicals, which could do permanent damage to soft tissues.



The German battleship Deutschland, which sank the Rawalpindi and still eludes our warships.

SECOND CONTINGENT OF CANADIANS IN ENGLAND

CONVOYED ACROSS BY FRENCH NAVY

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Canada's second contingent of troops landed on Sunday at a west coast port, lustily singing "Roll Out, Barrel" and "Tipperary," as they marched ashore.

Mr. Anthony Eden officially welcomed the force, which is almost an army in itself and included artillery from Winnipeg and Montreal, engineers from Toronto and Halifax, Signallers, Army Service Corps, Ambulance, Infantry Brigades, including a killed Scottish with pipe and band.

MR. EDEN'S WELCOME

Mr. Anthony Eden, in a speech of welcome, said: "A nation of the new world is offering help to challenge tyranny in the old. Your example is a guarantee of final victory and an inspiration to freedom loving peoples everywhere. Once again we are indebted to the men of the Merchant Marine, but this time your voyage and its accomplishment has a special significance."

"You were convoyed across the Atlantic by the warships of the French Navy, acting in close co-operation with His Majesty's ships."

WESTERN FRONT

PATROL ACTIVITY IN BITTER COLD

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Despite the bitter cold, there has been great activity at night on the Western Front.

Reconnaissance parties were particularly energetic west of the Vosges foothills, where several German patrols crept up to French posts, attacking them with hand-grenades.

FRENCH REPLY

The French replied with bombs and the fighting attracted artillery fire, which lit up the snow-covered countryside with brilliant flashes.

French patrols are active near the Luxembourg frontier attacking German posts with bombs and rifle fire at one point a French "Groupe Franc" (picked raiding party) penetrated the German lines and brought back a wounded prisoner.

Air activity on both sides has been silent.

MANY ENCOUNTERS

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Patrols on both sides were active during the night on the Western Front. Yesterday morning's French communiqué says there were encounters at many points and artillery on both sides repeatedly intervened.

HEAVY SNOWFALLS

PARIS, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Heavy snow on the Western Front caused even patrols to cease activity during the night. Aeroplanes on both sides remained grounded.

The Governor-General of New Zealand announced that his term of office will probably be extended owing to the war. He was to have left early in the new year.

BRITISH ARMY STRENGTH

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—According to military correspondents if a proclamation shortly calls up for registration further age groups up to twenty-eight Britain's Army would reach a strength of at least 2,500,000.

This does not take into account the other armed forces or contributions by the Dominions, India and the Colonies.

Another I.R.A. Outrage

BOMB THROWN AT FIRE STATION

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—A bomb thrown into the Londonderry Central Fire station last night shattered the windows, wrecked the ceiling of the fire-engine shed and slightly damaged one engine, but nobody was hurt.

It is believed that the outrage is a reprisal for the men from this fire station having, under Police instructions, turned the hoses on Republican prisoners to quell the disturbance in Londonderry Gaol on Christmas Day.



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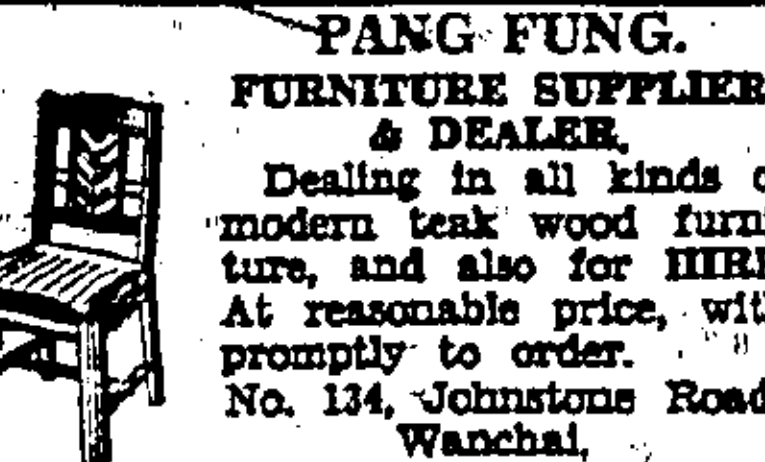
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America Urged To Seek A "Reasonable Solution" Of Sino-Japanese Problem

NEW YORK, DEC. 12 (Havas by Airmail).—THE INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPER, THE "JOURNAL OF COMMERCE," STRONGLY ADVISED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGAINST TAKING ANY MEASURES THAT MIGHT CURTAIL EXTENSIVE TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICA AND JAPAN.

The paper said that drastic action by Washington would only serve to strengthen the "extremist element" in Japan. Rather than this, the Government should seek a "reasonable solution" of Sino-Japanese relations, the paper urged.

"If the United States Government check or penalise our trade with Japan next year, following the expiration of the 1911 treaty, extremist Japanese factions may merely be strengthened so that the outcome would be the opposite of the reasonable Sino-Japanese settlement that is desired in Washington."

WANG ON NEED FOR NATIONAL STATUS IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—What China urgently needs is an "assured national status for independence, liberty and equality. Until she secures these she will not be able to share with Japan the responsibility for the stability and peace in East Asia," declared Wang Ching-wei in a New Year message issued yesterday.

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THE WAR AT SEA

GERMAN CLAIM DENIED

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—The German News Agency claims that the British patrol ship Arathie was sunk on Dec. 29 by a German submarine.

On enquiry at the British Admiralty, it was learnt that no British naval ship was sunk on Dec. 29 and that there is no ship named Arathie in the British Navy.

TANKER BEACHED

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—The London tanker Sandelino was damaged by a mine and was beached. Her crew, numbering forty-one, were landed without a casualty.

ONE LIFE LOST

Survivors of the trawler Barbara Robertson, sunk by a U-Boat off the north of Scotland, arrived at Fleetwood.

One life was lost and the rest of the crew were picked up by a warship after being twelve hours in a lifeboat which was sighted by a seaplane.

NAZI ADMISSION

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—A German High Command communiqué, broadcast from Berlin, State line ships to a Norwegian admits the loss of the patrol ship near Trelleborg on Sunday and

Allied Help For Finland

FRENCH & BRITISH CO-OPERATION

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—Britain has formally notified the League of Nations that she is taking steps to help Finland. Though there is no indication of the form the help will take, it is learned that no troops will be sent to Finland, but only war material. France is taking a similar step and the Allies are working in close cooperation.

PRESIDENT'S GRATITUDE

President Kallio of Finland issued a message in which he expressed his gratitude for Allied help. He said: "During the next few days the Reds will make the acquaintance of volunteers from abroad, who have the same love of liberty as ourselves."

SALE OF U.S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (Reuters).—The Maritime Commission has approved the sale of eight United States line ships to a Norwegian concern, the North Atlantic Transport Company.

Finance and Commerce

STRENGTH OF CHINESE FINANCE REVIEWED

Six Cardinal Factors Of Economic Stability

CHUNGKING, DEC. 31 (CENTRAL).—THE REMARKABLE STRENGTH OF CHINA'S FINANCIAL STRUCTURE DURING THE PAST TWO AND HALF YEARS' WAR WAS REVIEWED BY DR. H. H. KUNG, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, IN A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION RELEASED HERE THIS EVENING.

Dr. Kung said the extraordinary elasticity of China's war finance was the wonder of international observers. It not only outlasted Japanese estimates, but also exceeded the hopes of most of China's foreign well-wishers.

Dr. Kung attributed the economic stability to six cardinal factors:

FIRSTLY, a sound financial foundation assiduously built up before the hostilities;

SECONDLY, the wise policy of the Government during the war;

THIRDLY, the bumper crops in the last three years which ensured food sufficiency for the country;

FOURTHLY, centralization of capital and their profitable employment;

FIFTHLY, the large contributions by overseas Chinese to the war chest; and

SIXTHLY, the very material assistance from friendly Powers.

HUGE DEMAND

During the two and six months since the war began, Dr. Kung said, not only the National Treasury has been able to meet the tremendous demand both for war operations and reconstruction work but also the burden of the people has actually not been increased. There has not been an excess of bond issue, and the national dollar's reserve has always been maintained at a conservative level.

In coping with the tremendous demand for money arising out of the war, however, the financial authorities were not without their difficulties, especially as China, being an agricultural instead of an industrial or commercial country, can boast of comparatively little floating capital to be pooled into a large war fund.

CONSERVATIVE POLICY

Dr. Kung revealed that throughout the period under review, the Finance Ministry has always adopted a conservative policy as regards the three traditional means of raising funds—by taxation, borrowing and note issue.

As regards the country's note issue, Dr. Kung said while there has been a considerable increase following the war, the saturation point is still far from being reached.

The pre-war figure fell very far short of what the country actually needed, large areas in the interior being not supplied with notes while even in the large centres deflationary tendency was seen. During the war, issue was increased, but merely to meet the increased needs of the country.

The Government, Dr. Kung emphasized, has not resorted to the measures adopted by other countries in interfering with note issue. It merely acted as a supervisor in accordance with law. There is no question of inflation.

SMALLER TAXATION

Referring to taxation, Dr. Kung mentioned the wartime taxation by Britain and the United States during the Great War and the British taxation in the present war and said compared with these two countries what the Chinese people bear for the cost of the Sino-Japanese war is very much smaller.

Dr. Kung mentioned that China's revenue receipts were mostly derived from indirect taxation as customs and salt levies. The fall of the larger coastal cities into Japanese hands inevitably diminished the Government's income but does not impair the nation's economic foundation which is based on its rural agriculture.

Despite the fact that there has been increased willingness by the people to pay their taxes to finance the war, the Government, mindful of their distress, not only hesitated to increase taxation but has actually lowered or abolished many kinds of levies. Even then, taxes voluntarily paid by people in the war zone had not shown very marked decrease.

INFLATIONARY EFFECT

Dr. Kung said the Government is aware of the inflationary effect that would be caused by excess of bond issue as exemplified in France and Germany following the Great War. Due to China's special position as an agricultural nation and the scarcity of her floating capital, the Government merely invited voluntary subscription to its bond issues. The good faith kept by the Government in redeeming these bonds has enhanced popular confidence and increased their sales.

China's wartime financial policy, Dr. Kung revealed, is in keeping with China's military policy, and is based on her vast and unlimited resources.

Instead of excessive bond issue and reckless inflation to finance a quick war as in the case of economically weak nations, China gives the greatest attention to the development of her people's livelihood and the exploitation of her economic strength.

THE MAIN AIM

For example, instead of a general increase in the burden of the common people, the Government inaugurated income tax, death duty and excess profit tax. The aim is that taxation shall be heaviest on those who are able to pay and lightest on those who are not able.

Dr. Kung also mentioned the facilities extended by Government to the removal of coastal factories to the interior and the exemption of export from export duty.

The decrease of import duty on war and reconstruction essentials and the restriction and prohibition of import of luxuries and non-essentials were also examples of the Government's determination to Continued on Page 11

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

JANUARY 2, 1940

London:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months 1/2 3/4

Shanghai:—
On demand 310
On Singapore:—
On demand 3 3/4

Japan:—
On demand 103 3/4
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/2

New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 34 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 35 1/8

Batavia:—
On demand 46 5/8
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1090

Credits 4 months' sight 1145
On Saigon:—
On demand 108 3/4

Manila:—
On demand 49
On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2

Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/31 1/2
Bar Silver per oz. 2 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the holidays, the quotations remaining at 22 1/2 for Ready and 22 1/4 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 New York/London was quoted at 395 5/8.

Featureless.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/2 15/16 January and 1/2 29/32 February/March, buyers probably at 1/2 31/32 Cash and 1/2 15/16 March.

U. S. Dollars

24 5/8, sellers January, buyers 24 11/16 January.

Shanghai Dollars

318 nominal.

The Shanghai Exchange Market was closed today.

Market

Dull.

Sterling

No business was reported. The market closed with sellers at 1/2 15/16 January and 1/2 29/32 February/March, buyers at 1/2 31/32 Cash and 1/2 15/16 March.

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Sellers at 24 5/8 January, buyers at 24 11/16 January.

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H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

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BUYERS

H.K. Bank, 1334 1/2
Canton Ins., 3200
Union Ins., 3425
Douglases, 714 1/2
Docks, 220 1/2
Providents, 34 1/2
Hotels, 35
Lands, 32 1/2
Realities, 34 1/2
Tramways, 17 1/2
Star Ferries, 338 1/2
Yanmat Ferries, 233 1/2
China Lights (Old), 71 1/2
Electric, 53 1/2
Sandakan Lights, 111 1/2
Telephones (Old), 244 1/2
Telephones (New), 39
Cements, 17 1/2
Dairy Farms (Old), 22 1/2
Dairy Farms (New), 22 1/2
Watsons, 39 05
Entertainments, 34 1/2
Constructions (Old), 112 1/2

SALES

H.K. Bank, 1330
Canton Ins., 3205
Docks, 220 30/35/40
Providents, 34 1/2
Hotels, 35
Tramways, 17 1/2
China Lights (Old), 71 1/2
Electric, 53 1/2
Dairy Farms (New), 22 1/2
Watsons, 39 10

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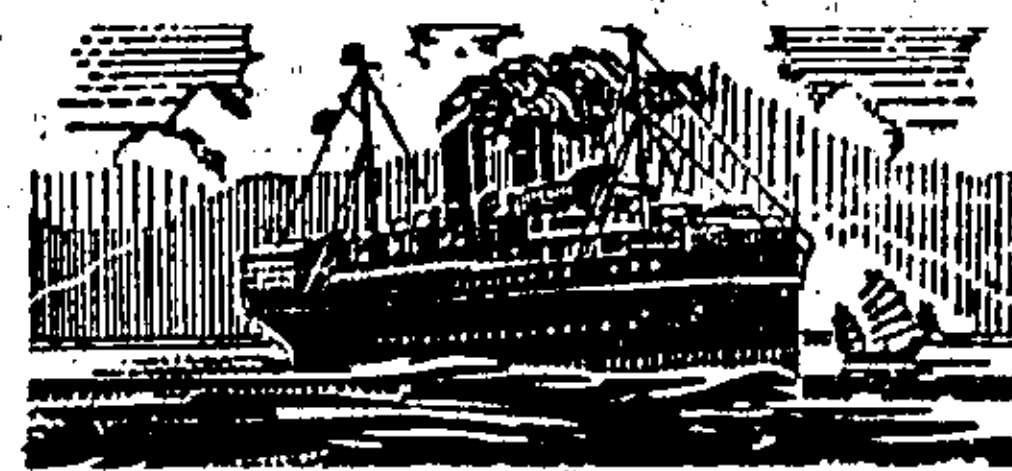
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TRADE STIMULANT

Beginning from January 1 next year, Dr. Kung revealed, transit duty on native goods will be abolished, as a stimulant to domestic trade.

Dr. Kung in the concluding part of his message mentioned the fluctuation in the exchange value of the National dollar and dismissed the question as not worth much attention because the fluctuations were due to black market manipulations common to almost all countries and did not mean a change in the real value of the dollar.

Dr. Kung mentioned that the rising cost in the interior was due to communication difficulties and is not a common phenomenon. The Government, furthermore, has ordered remedial measures to be taken and it is expected the rising prices will soon be checked.

The Income Tax Department has received from the Halifax Building Society a cheque for £600,000 income tax, two months before it was due.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 3 to 9 Jan. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	3	h.m.	ft. in.	h.m.	ft. in.
		03 21	5 3	09 25	2 6
		15 30	5 9	23 10	3 4
Thur.	4	04 55	4 7	10 17	3 0
		17 26	8 4		
Fri.	5	06 33	4 4	00 37	2 7
		18 19	6 6	11 12	3 4
Sat.	6	07 55	4 4	01 35	2 1
		19 08	7 0	12 06	3 5
Sun.	7	04 57	4 5	03 20	1 6
		19 51	7 4	13 52	3 5
Mon.	8	0 45	4 5	04 00	1 1
		20 34	7 5	13 38	3 5
Tues.	9	10 2	4 8	03 38	1 0
		21 15	7 6	14 20	3 4

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Jan. 2.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.23 in.

Temperature, 65 F.

Humidity, 32 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.

Temperature; maximum yesterday

70 F.

Temperature, minimum last night

54 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m.

today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st

nil.

Against an average of, 0.03.

Sunset tonight, 5.51 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7.04 a.m.

4 p.m., January 1.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.13 in.

Temperature, 68 F.

Humidity, 24 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 69 F.

Minimum temperature, 54 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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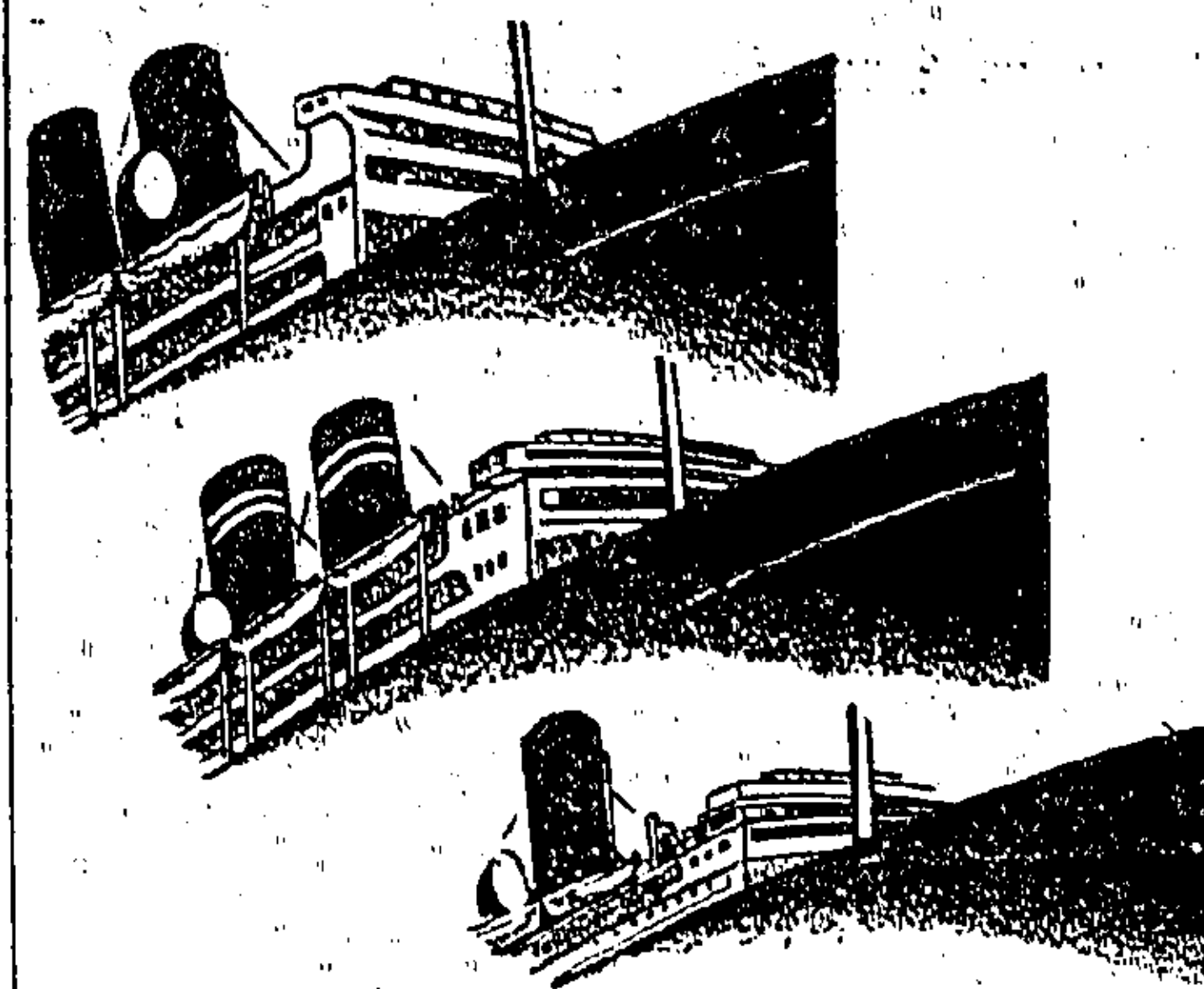
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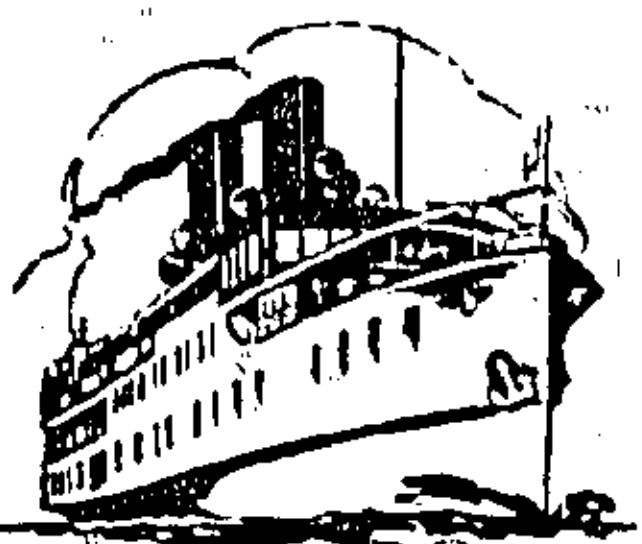
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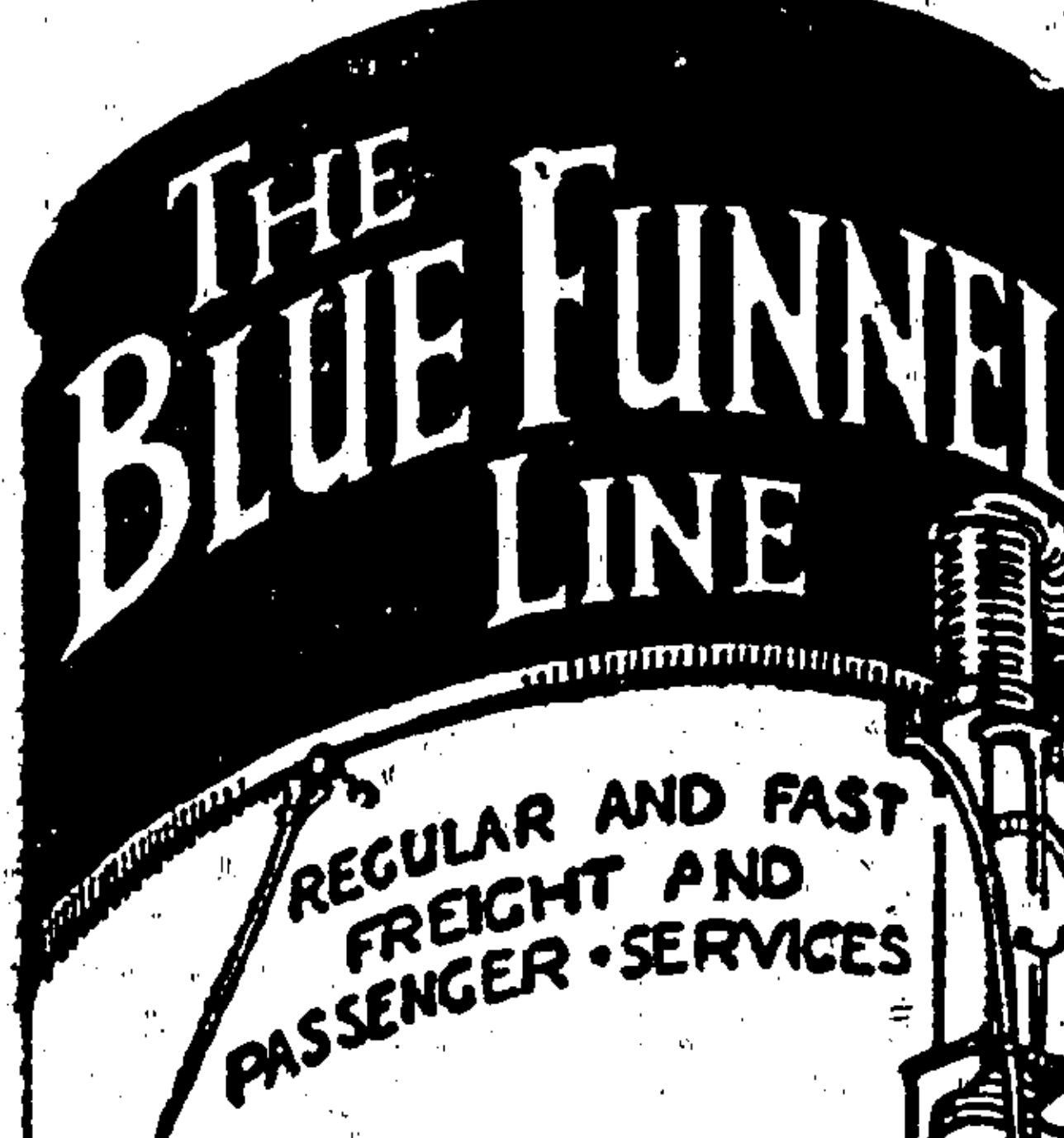
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DEEDS OF COURAGE, BRAVERY & HEROISM

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—All branches of the British
Navy were honoured by the King for deeds of courage,
bravery and heroism in the war in a supplement of the
London Gazette, which contains the names of over 200 men
decorated or promoted.

ROYAL NAVY HALF-YEARLY PROMOTIONS

The Admiralty announces that
the following promotions have
been made, all to date from De-
cember 31, 1939, except where
otherwise stated:—

Commander to Captain (20)—L.
W. H. D. Friedberger, G. F. Ste-
vens-Guille, J. S. Bethell, M. H.
Eveleigh, C. C. Hughes-Hallett, J.
L. Storey, J. W. Farquhar, D. Gil-
mour, R. K. Dickson, J. G. Bick-
ford, H. S. Murray-Smith, E. B. K.
Stevens, J. W. Jesselyn, The Hon.
E. Pleydell-Bouverie, D. M. Lees,
J. A. S. Eccles, S. L. Bateson, F. R.
Parham, C. A. E. Stanfield, P. V.
McLaughlin.

Lieutenant Commander to Com-
mander (36)—C. W. Sabine, P. H.
E. Welby-Everard, J. G. Farrar,
C. E. Glasford, E. P. Hinton, A. V.
Walker, S. A. M. Elze, E. O. P.
Price, J. R. Westmacott, H. L. Jen-
kins, R. L. Fisher, R. W. Moir, C.
F. J. L. Davies, R. G. Swallow, L.
C. Ransald, E. H. Thomas, B. J. De
St. Croix, H. Norman, A. St. Clair,
Ford, P. E. Hadow, R. D. Watson,
P. G. Roberts, G. C. Colville, E. O.
Unwin, G. Thistleton-Smith, P. L.
Collard, D. B. Wyburd, V. D. E.
Donaldson, G. H. Beale, J. A. W.
Tothill, Sir Charles E. Madden, G.
A. Rotherham, C. R. S. Parquhar,
G. K. Collett, G. A. F. Norfolk, H.
S. Falcon-steward.

Lieutenant Commander to Com-
mander (A) (2)—J. F. M. Robert-
son, J. H. F. Burroughs.

Engineer, Commander to En-
gineer Captain (1)—W. F. A. Jor-
dan.

Commander (E) to Captain (E)
(4)—L. H. Heath, J. I. Moore, L. R.
Ricardo, T. E. Docksey.
Lieutenant Commander (E) to
Commander (E) (11)—A. J. H.
Goodwin, G. O. Malsh, L. Fogg-
Elliot, J. A. W. Furse, C. R. W.
Bolt, L. F. Ingram, F. J. S. Fox,
C. W. Jones, D. S. Holt-Wilson, H.
C. Brown, T. O. Bachhouse.

Surgeon Commander to Surgeon
Captain (3)—M. B. MacLeod, R. A.
W. Ford both to date November,
1939, C. H. M. Gimlette.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander
(D) to Surgeon Commander
(D) (1)—D. C. Elington.

Paymaster Commander to Pay-
master Captain (2)—A. G. Bath,
R. A. Hawkesworth.

Paymaster Lieutenant Comm-
ander to Paymaster Commander (5)
—P. J. A. Moore, A. J. V. Chubb,
A. R. P. Brown, C. H. Nicholson,
R. Bailey.

Instructor Commander to In-
structor Captain (1)—A. A. Grant,
to date January 1, 1940.

ROYAL MARINES

Major to Brevet Lieutenant
Colonel (1)—V. D. Thomas.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Commander to Captain (2)—A.
V. Radcliffe, J. Gates.

Lieutenant Commander to Com-
mander (5)—Y. M. Cleaves, G. W.
Couch, A. H. H. Griffiths, A.
Machie, W. Ireland.

Lieutenant Commander (E) to
Commander (E) (1)—J. W. W.
Boosey.

Paymaster Lieutenant Comm-
ander to Paymaster Commander (2)
—N. B. W. Rose, P. H. Carr.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant Comm-
ander to Surgeon Commander (2)—
R. R. B. Roberts, J. A. Kerr.

Surgeon Lieutenant Comm-
ander (D) to Surgeon Commander
(D) (1)—G. R. D. Hankinson.

COMMONWEALTH LIST

The following promotions have
been announced by the Common-
wealth Navy Board:—

Commander to Captain (1)—H.
A. Showers.

Lieutenant Commander to Com-
mander (3)—L. C. Tozer, W. H.
Martin, A. E. Buchanan.

Lieutenant Commander (E) to
Commander (E) (1)—H. G. D.
Oliver.

Paymaster Commander to Pay-
master Captain (1)—R. C. Negus.

Paymaster Lieutenant Comm-
ander to Paymaster Commander (1)
—P. Perry.

The death occurred in Monday
in London of Sir Frank Benson,
Shakespearean actor, aged eighty-
one. (Reuter).

Most of the awards are for
skill, and gallantry in life-
saving, minelaying, sweeping
and anti-submarine work.

Decorations to the men of the
submarine Ursula, which sank a
German cruiser, are also announ-
ced, and mention is made of the
submarine's "courageous and skil-
ful attack."

CONVOYERS REWARDED

Convoys of foodstuffs and cap-
tured German ships are also re-
warded.

Over 100 names figures in the
New Year list of promotions an-
nounced by the Admiralty.

Twenty Commanders are promot-
ed to the rank of Captain, whilst
38 Lieutenant-Commanders become
Commanders.

Among the new Commanders is
Sir Charles Madden, son of the
noted admiral and a nephew of
Earl Jellicoe.

Seven promotions are announced
in the Commonwealth Navy.

NAVAL HONOURS

Among the naval honours gazet-
ted appeared the names of Rear
Admiral Edward Leigh Stuart-
King, Chief of Staff to the Home
Fleet, who is awarded the C.B.

Captains A. R. Halford, G. H.
Freybury, and J. N. Tait receive the
C.B.E.

Commander C. E. Hammond,
Commander St. John Aldrich
Micklethwait, Commander G. F.
Stevens-Guille, Commander L. A. K.
Boswell and Lieutenant-Comm-
ander Bernard Moloney are all award-
ed the D.S.O. for conspicuous ser-
vice.

Additionally, many officers re-
ceive the O.B.E.

A long list of officers and ratings
are honoured with the M.B.E.,
D.S.M. and D.S.C., while others are
mentioned in despatches.

CHINA COMMAND

The Naval Honours, published in
the London Gazette contains the
names of the following decorated
for services in the Sino-Japanese
conflict:

Distinguished Service Cross:
Lieutenant-Commander J.M.S. Cox,
Surgeon-Lieutenant V.R. Sher-
idan.

Distinguished Service Medals:
Petty Officers H. Pitt and T. Popley.

R.A.F. PROMOTIONS

The R.A.F. list of promotions
contains the name of Kenneth
Dudley Stanion, born in Shanghai,
who is promoted from flight-Lieu-
tenant to Squadron-Leader.

Three Sheep Killed In Nazi Raid!

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Yes-
terday, the first day of the New
Year witnessed resumption of Ger-
man air raids on Scotland and on
the Shetlands where ships of the
Royal Navy were the object of at-
tack.

The first aerial combat of the
New Year occurred off the East
Coast of Scotland when R.A.F.
fighters fought a running battle
with German bombers.

Three R.A.F. planes engaged two
Nazi bombers. The fight lasted
half hour and one of the raiders
was brought down. The Nazi air-
craft was riddled with bullets and
dived into the sea out of control.

When the craft was nearing the
water one of the crew jumped out.
His parachute opened, but he was
killed, while the rest of the crew
perished in the plane.

The sole result of the raid was
the killing of three sheep.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A
communique by the Admiralty and
Air Ministry states that hostile air-
craft was sighted over the Shet-
lands yesterday morning. Two
bombs were dropped, but there
were no hits on His Majesty's ships
and no casualties.

PLANES OVER HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—
It is officially announced that
several planes of unknown nation-
ality last night passed over North
Friesland. Anti-aircraft guns open-
ed fire and the planes disappeared.
—P. Perry.

The Ministry of Transport has
resumed giving driving tests.
Seven-thousand applications for
tests have been received since the
beginning of December. (Reuter).

Earthquake Followed By Disastrous Floods

ISTANBUL, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—
Following earthquakes and floods,
the Turkish people today were hit
by a third natural disaster many
as Turkish ships, it is feared, were
lost in terrific storms in the Black
Sea.

The small British-Built Istanbul
steamer Turkan is reported sunk
with her crew of twenty.

President Inonu left Erzurum
for Sivas and Tokat, where he will
continue to supervise rescue work.
The milder weather has aroused
hopes that the most urgent relief
work and burial of the dead will
be completed within ten days.

EARTHQUAKE IN YUGOSLAVIA

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Ac-
cording to the German Radio, an
earthquake yesterday seriously
damaged several buildings in
Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, but there
were no casualties.

ISTANBUL, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—
Following the earthquake in East
and North Anatolia comes news of
disastrous floods in parts of Turkey
that escaped the ravages of the
former catastrophe.

In Smyrna, Brusa and Adrianople
districts, rivers have overflowed
their banks, and human beings as
well as cattle and crops have been
swept away.

MORE SHOCKS

A message from Ankara adds
four rivers overflowed and that
many were drowned.

In the earthquake devastated
areas, planes are being used to drop
food supplies and medical neces-
sities.

It is feared the shocks will con-
tinue for about six months.

PRESIDENT'S VISIT

ISTANBUL, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—
President Inonu arrived at the
earthquake devastated city of
Erzurum, accompanied by the
Ministers of Health and the
Interior and the Inspector-General
of the Army.

The President immediately start-
ed a tour of the wrecked quarters
of the city and later had a confer-
ence with the authorities and issued
orders for accelerating assistance
to the survivors.

DEVASTATING FLOODS

Meantime reports continue to ar-
rive showing the devastating nature
of the floods in the Bursa region
and the plains of Karadagbey,
Kamal-Pasha and Manisacoon line
from Smyrna to the Sea of Mar-
mora, and also in the area of the
Isimig Gulf, where the naval base
is situated.

The waters in many places have
reached a depth of six feet and the
populations of twenty villages have
taken refuge in the mountains,
while five-hundred people are
marooned in isolated hamlets.

CHINESE SYMPATHY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (Central).
—Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the
National Government, on Decem-
ber 31 sent a message to the Pre-
sident of the Turkish Republic
Ismet Inonu extending sympathy
for the losses sustained in the
earthquake disaster.

On the same day two delegates
of the Chinese Mohammedans Na-
tional Salvation Association called
on Mr. Eminali Sipahi, Turkish
Minister to China, to express sym-
pathy on behalf of all the Chinese
Mohammedans.

NAZI COMMAND CLAIMS

BERLIN, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—A High
Command communique claims that
the warplanes which flew over the
Shetland Islands on January 1 re-
turned with valuable information.
It admitted that one German ma-
chine came down in the sea.

It also claimed that one British
machine was badly damaged and
"probably did not succeed to re-
turn to its base."

NO TRUTH

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—Reu-
ter's correspondent was informed
at the Air Ministry that there was
no truth in the report that a Bri-
tish plane was hit. All British air-
craft returned safely.

LONDON, Jan. 2 (Reuter).—The
British steamer Boxhill (5,677 tons)
was sunk in the North Sea yester-
day following an explosion. Twelve
of the crew of thirty-two and one
body were landed at a north-east
coast port. It is feared that the
other nineteen are lost.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

BROADCAST RECEIVING LICENCES

Holders of licences are reminded that if it is desired to con-
tinue to retain possession of the apparatus after the date of expira-
tion of the licence a renewal must be effected without delay.

New Licences will be available at the Government Radio Office,
G.P.O. Building, First Floor, on ordinary business days, and will
be issued against the receipt of a remittance of \$12.00, between
the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. except on Saturdays when licences
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- (b) by messenger,
- (c) by post.

It is essential under (c), and preferable under (a) and (b) that
applications should be accompanied by crossed Cheque payable to
Hong Kong Government. The new licence will then be sent by post
or messenger as soon as it is ready. Where actual cash is tendered
a new licence should be received in exchange before leaving the
Licensing Office.

In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with
the application.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service" — Paris date 27th December.	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila.	3rd Jan.
Shanghai.	3rd Jan.
Japan.	3rd Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 27th Dec.	4th Jan.
Shanghai.	4th Jan.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B. C. date 18th December).	4th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai.	4th Jan.
Canton.	5th Jan.
Shanghai.	5th Jan.
Shanghai.	5th Jan.
Formosa and Swatow.	5th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits.	5th Jan.
Canton.	5th Jan.
Shanghai and Swatow.	5th Jan.
Shanghai.	5th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 15th December 1939).	6th Jan.
Straits and Saigon.	6th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila.	6th Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 30th December.	7th Jan.
Saigon.	7th Jan.
Haiphong.	7th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November).	7th Jan.
Shanghai.	8th Jan.
Japan.	8th Jan.
Shanghai.	8th Jan.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Ser- vice"—San Francisco date, 26th December.	9th Jan.
Straits.	9th Jan.
Java and Manila.	10th Jan.
Manila.	10th Jan.
Tientsin.	10th Jan.
Haiphong.	10th Jan.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 8th Decem- ber 1939).	11th Jan.
Shanghai.	12th Jan.
Sandakan.	12th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits.	13th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai.	14th Jan.
Manila.	14th Jan.
Straits and Manila.	15th Jan.

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	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
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